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Major Strides in Housing Schemes
• From August 2019 to date, 4.93 lakh houses have been built at a total expenditure of Rs. 7,500 crore.
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SC to hear Telangana's appeal against Governor

Several Bills passed by State Legislature are stuck as Governor is yet to act on them, leading to a constitutional impasse, says State govt. counsel; court agrees to take up case on March 20

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear urgently a petition filed by the Telangana government against Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan for creating a "constitutional impasse" by refusing to act on several Bills passed by the State legislature.

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud assured senior advocate Dushyant Dave, appearing for the State, that the case would be listed on March 20.

Mr. Dave submitted that the Bills have been pending since September 14, 2022, awaiting the assent of the Governor.

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> **TELANGANA GOVERNMENT'S** petition in SC

"In a parliamentary democracy, the Governor has no discretion to delay necessary assent as required on the Bills. Any refusal on the part of the Governor, including delay, will defeat parliamentary democracy and will of the people," the State said in its petition filed through advocate S. Udaya Kumar Sagar.

"Several Bills are stuck," Mr. Dave pointed out during the mentioning of the case before the CJI Bench for early listing.

'Illegal action'

The State urged the court to "declare that the inaction, omission and failure to comply with the constitutional mandate qua the assent of the Bills by the Governor as highly irregular, illegal".

Mr. Dave said the Governor may or may not give assent to a Bill. However, the decision should be taken, rather than keeping the Bills pending for months together.

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KSRTC increases ticket price for buses plying on expressway

The Hindu Bureau
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Toll charges on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway will not just affect private vehicle commuters, but also those using public transport. Starting Tuesday, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) hiked the ticket prices for all buses plying on the expressway. The hike will also reflect in the tickets of EV and Volvo KSRTC buses using the expressway.

The toll user fee charges will be ₹15 per passenger for nonstop express buses, ₹18 for Rajahamsa buses, and ₹20 per passenger for Airavat/EV+/MultiAxle/ Sleeper services, said a KSRTC release.

"This hike has only been done to recover toll charges. Paying tolls is not a problem for us as we regularly do it everywhere, considering we even have intercity services. But since this one is slightly higher, it will also be reflected in the ticket prices," said Anbu Kumar, Managing Director, KSRTC.

For buses, the toll charge for a single journey is ₹460 and for a return journey within a day, it is ₹690. Monthly passes can be obtained for ₹15,325.

Not just KSRTC, but even private bus operators are mulling over increasing ticket prices. "We do not want to decide hastily and hence we will have a meeting this weekend and then decide the prices. Our only request to the government is to ready the service road if they are going to continue collecting toll on the expressway," said Nataraj Sharma, a private bus operator.

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Russian fighter hits American drone: U.S.

Associated Press
KYIV

A Russian fighter jet on Tuesday struck the propeller of a U.S. surveillance drone over the Black Sea, causing American forces to bring down the unmanned aerial vehicle in international waters, the U.S. military said, an incident that highlighted soaring U.S.-Russia tensions over Moscow's war in Ukraine.

White House National Security spokesman John Kirby said U.S. President Joe Biden was briefed on the incident by National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan. The U.S. European Command said in a statement from Stuttgart, Germany that two Russian Su-27 fighter jets "conducted an unsafe and unprofessional intercept" of an MQ-9 drone that was operating within international airspace over the Black Sea.

It said one of the fighters "struck the propeller of the MQ-9, causing U.S. forces to have to bring the MQ-9 down in international waters". Prior to that, the Su-27s dumped fuel on and flew in front of the MQ-9 several times before the collision in "a reckless, environmentally unsound and unprofessional manner", the U.S. European Command said.

Imran's arrest imminent; protests begin

Press Trust of India
LAHORE

Protests broke out in several cities across Pakistan on Tuesday after ousted Prime Minister Imran Khan asked his supporters to "come out" for real freedom and continue the struggle even if he is killed or arrested, amid clashes between the police and his party workers who tried to foil his arrest in the Toshakhana gift case.

On Monday, a court issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against him as he did not appear in the case.

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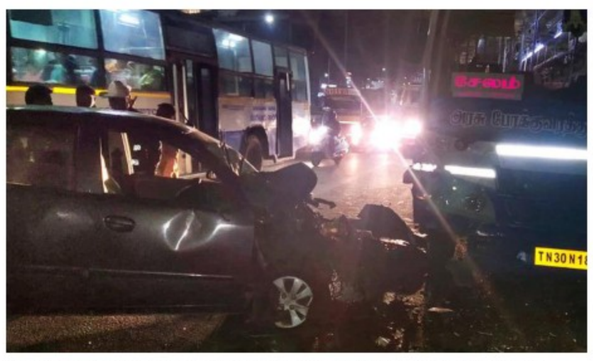
2 killed, several injured in accident on up ramp of Silk Board flyover

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 23-year-old engineering graduate and his friend pursuing II PU were killed and several others injured when the car they were travelling in lost control on the up ramp of Silk Board flyover, jumped the median and collided with a cab and a Tamil Nadu-bound private bus head on in the early hours of Tuesday.



The car jumped the median and collided with a cab and a Tamil Nadu-bound bus in the early hours of Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The deceased have been identified as B. Kartheek and Bhagiratha Reddy, 17. According to the police, Kartheek was from Anantpur district and had completed his engineering and was pursuing a course, while Reddy was from Prakasam district in Andhra Pradesh.

The police said Kartheek was driving the car, while Reddy was seated in the front seat. They were speeding towards Hosur, returning from a late night party. While reaching the upramp, he lost control and jumped the median before colliding with a cab coming from the opposite direction.

The speed of the car was such that after colliding with the cab, it went further and crashed into the T.N.-bound bus.

Passers-by rushed to their help and pulled them out from the mangled car and took them to a hospital, where they succumbed. The cab driver, identified as Mahesh, and a few other passengers also sustained injuries in the accident, but are said to be out of danger.

Case registered

The Madiwala traffic police cleared the damaged vehicles to allow traffic movement. Based on a complaint filed Mahesh, the police have registered a case against Kartheek charging him under death due to negligence and rash and negligent driving.

TTE loses job for urinating on woman passenger

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

After an off-duty travelling ticket examiner allegedly urinated on a passenger on a train, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Tuesday that there was zero tolerance for such behaviour, and the accused had been dismissed from service with immediate effect.

Around Sunday midnight, Munna Kumar, the ticket examiner, urinated on the head of the woman passenger on Akal Takht Express running between Kolkata and Amritsar.

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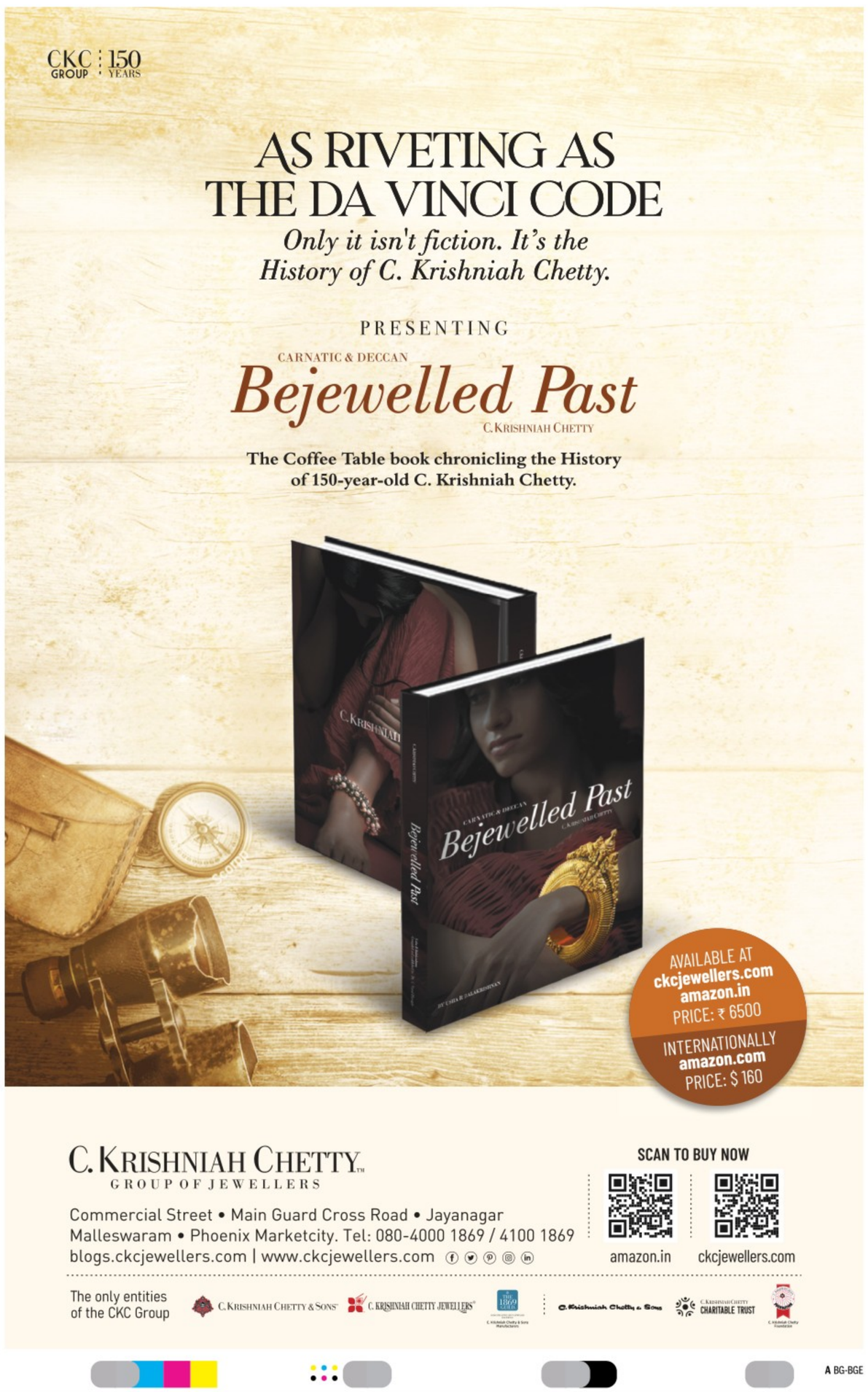
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NEWS IN NUMBERS

77 In percentage, the decrease in Naxal violence in India over the past 12 years, the government informed Lok Sabha. The number of deaths in related incidents has also reduced by 90% during the same period. The geographical spread of left wing extremist violence has significantly reduced as only 176 police stations of 45 districts reported related violence in 2022 compared to 465 police stations of 96 districts in 2010. PTI

15.7 In lakh, the projected number of cancer cases in the country by 2025, according to the Indian Council of Medical Research-National Cancer Registry Programme (ICMR-NCRP), from 14.6 lakh in 2022. The initiative for prevention, control and screening for common non-communicable diseases, which includes common cancers has been rolled out under the National Health Mission (NHM). PTI

159 The number of industries, out of the 2,706 grossly polluting industries (GPIs) in India, that have been permanently shut, while 298 have been temporarily closed till February 14, 2023, the Jal Shakti Ministry informed Parliament. Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Bishweswar Tudu added that of the remaining 2,249 GPIs, 2,175 were complying and 74 were not complying with the Central Pollution Control Board norms. PTI

9.3 In lakh, the number of children at the elementary level across the country out of school (with more boys than girls not enrolled), according to the Ministry of Education. The maximum number of Out of School Children (OoSC) at the elementary level are in Uttar Pradesh followed by Bihar and Gujarat, the Union Minister of State for Education, Annapurna Devi informed the Lok Sabha. PTI

13,399 In ₹ crore, the worth of military hardware exported by India till March 6 in FY23, a significant increase from ₹4,682 crore in 2017-18, according to official data. The Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt said that the total defence exports in 2021-22 stood at ₹12,815 crore while it was ₹8,435 crore in 2020-21. PTI

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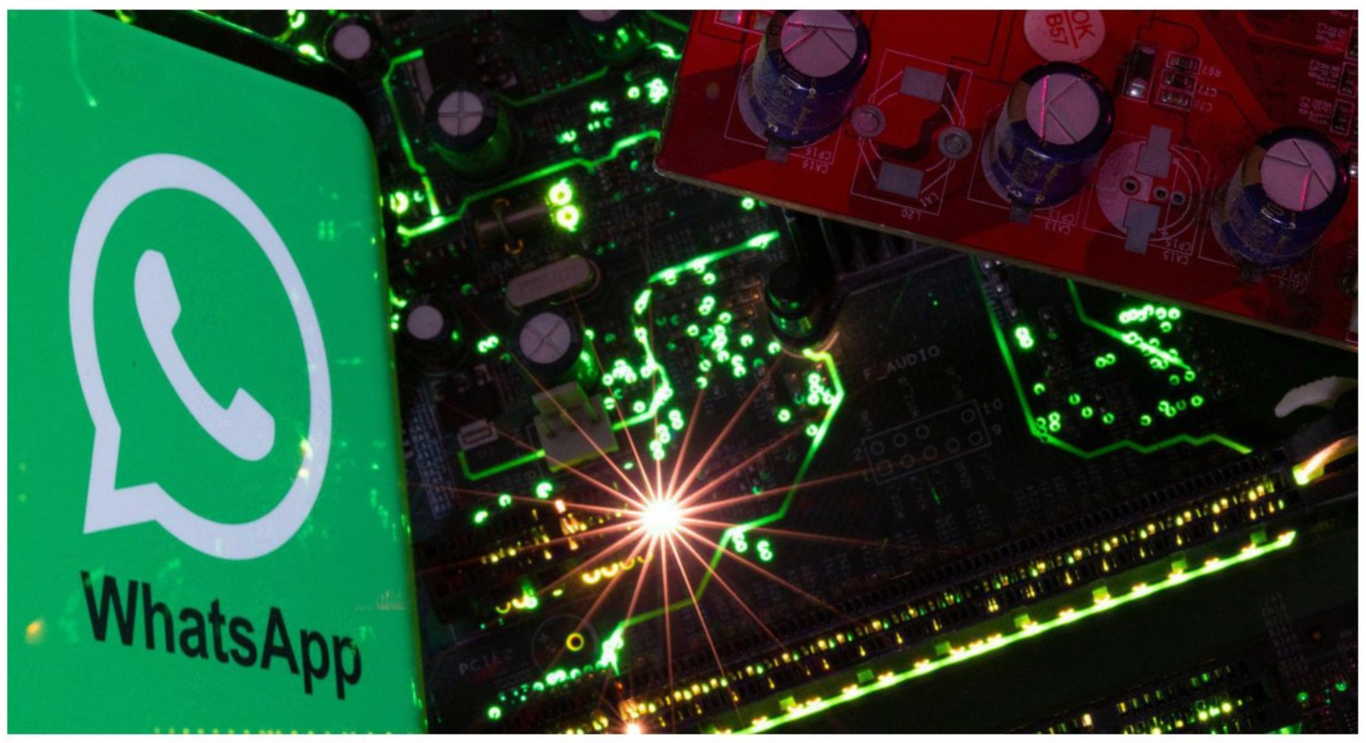
Why is WhatsApp threatening to leave U.K.?

What is the United Kingdom's proposed Online Safety Bill? Does it mandate a removal of end-to-end encryption? How have other messaging platforms reacted? Did Whatsapp leave or threaten to leave India when a similar rule was notified?

EXPLAINER

Aditi Agrawal



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- During a visit to the U.K. last week, WhatsApp's head Will Cathcart said that WhatsApp would not comply with the country's proposed Online Safety Bill (OSB) which will in effect outlaw end-to-end encryption.
- E2E encryption ensures that a message can only be decrypted by the intended recipient using a secure decryption key that is unique to each sender-recipient pair and to each of their messages.
- If platforms do not comply, they may face penalties of up to £18 million or 10% of the platform's global revenue of the preceding accounting year.

The story so far:

During a visit to the U.K. last week, WhatsApp's head Will Cathcart said that WhatsApp would not comply with the country's proposed Online Safety Bill (OSB) which will in effect outlaw end-to-end (E2E) encryption. Mr. Cathcart said that it was the first time a "liberal democracy" was attempting to block a "secure product".

What is end-to-end encryption?

E2E encryption ensures that a message can only be decrypted by the intended recipient using a secure decryption key that is unique to each sender-recipient pair and to each of their messages. Decryption, even by the messaging service provider, is impossible. Even if the platform's servers are compromised, without the intended recipient's decryption key, only a garbled string of characters will be available. Over the last few years, E2E encryption has been steadily gaining ground. It is offered by default on WhatsApp, Signal, Apple's iMessage and FaceTime and is an option on Meta's Messenger and Telegram.

What is the Online Safety Bill?

The Online Safety Bill is a proposed British legislation that seeks to improve online safety by placing certain "duty of care" obligations on online platforms.

Most of the criticism is directed against clause 110 of the OSB which empowers the British telecommunications regulator, the Office of Communications, to issue notices to most kinds of internet service providers, including private messaging apps and search engines, to identify and take down terrorism content that is communicated "publicly" and Child Sex Exploitation and Abuse (CSEA) content that is communicated "publicly or privately", and to prevent such content from being communicated in the first place. Although the OSB does not mandate removal of E2E encryption, it would de facto mean breaking it as messaging apps would have to scan all messages that are sent on their platform to flag and take down terrorist and CSEA content. Since the clause also requires the platforms to "prevent" terrorism and CSEA content from being communicated using the platforms, it would mean that WhatsApp would have to implement a client-side scanning mechanism to scan content on users' devices before it is even encrypted. For this, they would need to rely on algorithms that are not very sophisticated and do not understand context. For instance, in 2021, Google automatically blocked a father's account in San Francisco and reported him to the local police because he had shot videos of his toddler son's infection in intimate areas to share with his son's doctor during the pandemic.

Privacy and free speech advocates, as well as multiple members of the British Parliament, view this Bill as a disproportionate step that allows the state to mandate bulk interception and surveillance.

What have other platforms said?

Last month, Signal's president Meredith Whittaker told the *BBC* that Signal "would absolutely, 100% walk" if forced to weaken the privacy of its messaging platform. In a blog post, she wrote, "[encryption] is either broken for everyone, or it works for everyone. There is no way to create a safe backdoor." Matthew Hodgson, the CEO of British Company Element that runs Matrix-based E2E encrypted messenger, said that if the OSB was passed, he may have to exit the U.K. entirely and shift his company's headquarters.

What if the platforms don't comply?

If platforms do not comply, they may face penalties of up to £18 million or 10% of the platform's global revenue of the preceding accounting year, whichever is higher. Currently, the Bill has been passed by the House of Commons and a House of Lords committee is examining the Bill. Once the committee's report is ready, it will go back to House of Lords for a third reading.

Did India enact a similar law?

Through the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, the Indian government made it mandatory for messaging platforms with more than five million users in India to "enable the identification of the first originator" of a message, or what is commonly called traceability. This is not the same as asking for scanning and flagging of all encrypted content; it is about getting to the first person who sent a message that may have been forwarded multiple times. In India, WhatsApp did not threaten to leave the market. It instead, sued the Indian government over the traceability requirement. This is mainly because India, with 487.5 million WhatsApp users, is home to 22% of the platform's 2.24 billion monthly active users. WhatsApp's penetration rate in India is over 97% while in the U.K., it is at about 75%. Moreover, the U.K., with 40.4 million users accounts for little less than 2% of global users. Even Mr. Cathcart said it would be "an odd choice" to compromise the app's security for just 2% of its user base.

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Why do landfills catch fire during summers?

How should a municipality respond if a landfill does catch fire? What are some of the permanent solutions?

Pushkara S.V.

The story so far:

The Kochi landfill site around Brahmapuram that caught fire earlier this month is a stark reminder that Indian cities need to be prepared for more such incidents as summer approaches. Preventing such fires require long-term measures, including thorough and sustained interventions from municipalities.

How do landfills catch fire?

India's municipalities have been collecting more than 95% of the waste generated in cities but the efficiency of waste-processing is 30-40% at best. Municipal solid waste consists of about 60% biodegradable material, 25% non-biodegradable material and 15% inert materials, like silt and stone. Municipalities are expected to process the wet and dry waste separately and to have the recovered by-products recycled. Unfortunately, the rate of processing in India's cities is far lower than the rate of waste generation, so unprocessed waste remains in open landfills for long periods of time. This openly disposed waste includes flammable material like low-quality plastics, which have a relatively higher calorific value of about 2,500-3,000 kcal/kg, and rags and clothes. In summer, the biodegradable fraction composts much faster, increasing the temperature of the heap to beyond 70-80°C. A higher temperature coupled with flammable materials is the perfect situation for a landfill to catch fire. Some fires go on for months.

Is there a permanent solution?

There are two possible permanent solutions to manage landfill fires. The first solution is to completely cap the material using soil, and close landfills in a scientific manner. This solution is unsuitable in the Indian context, as the land can't be used again for other purposes. Closed landfills have specific standard operating procedures, including managing the methane emissions. The second solution is to clear the piles of waste through bioremediation – excavate old waste and use automated sieving machines to segregate the flammable refuse-derived fuel (RDF) (plastics, rags, clothes, etc.) from biodegradable material. The recovered RDF can be sent to cement kilns as fuel, while the bio-soil can be distributed to farmers to enrich soil. The inert fraction will have to be landfilled. However, implementing a bioremediation project usually takes up to two or three years, necessitating a short-term solution for summertime landfill fires.

What are some immediate measures?

Landfill sites span 20-30 acres and have different kinds of waste. The first immediate action is to divide a site into blocks depending on the nature of the waste. At each site, blocks with fresh waste should be separated from blocks with flammable material. Blocks that have been capped using soil are less likely to catch fire, so portions like these should also be separated out. The different blocks should ideally be separated using a drain or soil bund and a layer of soil should cap each block. This reduces the chance of fires spreading across blocks within the same landfill. Next, the most vulnerable part of the landfill – the portion with lots of plastics and cloth – should be capped with soil. The fresh-waste block shouldn't be capped but enough moisture should be provided by sprinkling water and the material should be turned regularly for aeration, which helps cool the waste heap. Once a site has been divided into blocks, the landfill operator should classify incoming waste on arrival to the site, and dispose them in designated blocks rather than dumping mixed fractions. Already segregated non-recyclable and non-biodegradable waste should be sent to cement kilns instead of being allowed to accumulate. Dry grass material and dry trees from the site should also be cleared immediately.

While these measures can help reduce the fires' damage, they're far from ideal and not long-term solutions. The permanent and essential solution is to ensure cities have a systematic waste-processing system where wet and dry waste are processed separately and their byproducts treated accordingly.

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THE GIST

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- Preventing such fires require long-term measures, including thorough and sustained interventions from municipalities.

From Page One

KSRTC increases ticket price for buses plying on expressway

The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) passengers will face no additional burden as the buses will not take the expressway. However, on the first day of toll collection, some BMTC buses ended up on the expressway and argued with the toll collectors. "That was just first day confusion. But we will not be using the expressway henceforth. Regarding the condition of the service road, we have intimated the authorities concerned," said a BMTC official.

With private taxis, the choice is with the customers to pay the toll or not. "If the customer wants to save time and suggests that we take the expressway, then we do that and if they do not want to spend the extra rupees, we take the service road," said Suresh, a cab driver.

Extra charges

Non-stop express buses ₹15	Rajahamsa buses ₹18
	Airavat/EV+/Multi-axle/ sleeper services ₹20

INBRIEF

CIDSA to be launched today

The Centre for Innovation and Development in Smart Agriculture (CIDSA) will be launched on Wednesday at University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK campus, Bengaluru.

UAS-B, in a release, said that the proposed centre is aimed at creating a collaborative, multidisciplinary and practical programme that not only fosters foundational learning but also provides a detailed understanding and experience about the latest technological advancements in agricultural methods and practices.

Protests held as toll collection begins on Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway

As more commuters took the service road to avoid paying toll, they complained about the poor condition of the road and lack of adequate signage

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

Many commuters were confused, others were angry, and some others had no problem at all as toll collection began on the 55-kilometre stretch on the recently inaugurated Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway on Tuesday morning.

After a morning of commotion, wherein several pro-Kannada organisations, lawyers' association and some opposition party leaders protested near the toll plazas in Kanaminike and Sheshagirihalli, additional police forces from Ramanagara were deployed to provide high security throughout the day. "A few protestors broke one of the boom barriers in the morning, and we had to install a new one. As it was the first day and some people had no idea about the toll collection, there were some small conflicts. As long as police security is here, we will be fine. But we do not know how people will react once they are not around," said a staff member who was working in the toll plaza.

Vehicles passing through the toll gate on the newly inaugurated Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

More commuters took the service road to avoid paying the toll. "Only those who are going to or coming from Kodagu, Mangaluru or longer distances like that are taking the expressway today (Tuesday). The other lot are those who do not know that toll has started. The rest, mostly regular commuters, are taking service roads," said a police officer at the Sheshagirihalli plaza.

Regular commuters, who had to cover shorter distances like Bidadi and Ramanagara, were not happy to pay hundreds of rupees in toll. "Why are they imposing tax everywhere? Why should I pay so much to go such a short distance?" questioned a commuter who was going to Ramanagara from Bengaluru. Those who took the service road complained about the poor condition of the service road and the lack of signage at the deviation near it, which resulted in some of them taking the expressway.

"The condition of the service road is not good at all to reach Bidadi. Especially on the stretch where we are supposed to divert towards the service road, there is no signage or motorable road. Now they are asking me to pay a toll of ₹240 just to go from here to Bidadi," lamented another commuter at the Kaniminike plaza.

On the other hand, some commuters said they did not mind paying the toll as it shortened their travel time. "It is okay if I have to pay a couple of hundred rupees as toll. The quality of the expressway is so good. Why would I prefer getting stuck in traffic jams on the service road?" asked Karthik U., who was going to Mysuru.

Technical difficulties

On the first day of toll collection, some snags were reported in the boom barriers, as some of them closed and caused minor damage to vehicles. As the Fastag scanner failed to work accurately and the staff members had to use manual scanners sometimes, vehicles piled up for a couple minutes near the toll gates.

Non-availability of change was also a problem as the vehicles which were not equipped with Fastag had to pay in cash. "I was supposed to go to Mandya, and I gave a ₹2,000 note near the toll gate. As those people didn't have change, they told me to take the service road instead. Now I've to spend extra time on the road," said M. Kumar, a commuter. There were minor clashes between the toll plaza staff and commuters as a few political and religious leaders were let go without collecting tolls at both plazas. However, the staff said that they had provided such concessions to many commuters on the first day as they did not know about the toll and had taken the expressway by mistake.

Opposition slams toll collection

Meanwhile, the opposition slammed the move to collect the toll. KPCC leader D.K. Shivakumar took to social media and said he travelled via the expressway after hearing reports about people's outrage. "I had seen on TV and newspapers since morning that people expressed outrage near the Bengaluru-Mysuru toll station. Today I also had the experience while travelling from Bidadi to Ramanagara. To go from Bidadi to Ramanagara, the toll charge is ₹135, but they charged ₹270 on the pretext of a problem with the Fastag scanner," he tweeted.

India ranks eighth among countries with worst air quality index, says report

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

India has ranked eighth in the list of countries with the worst air quality index and 12 of the 15 most polluted cities in Central and South Asia are in India, according to the Annual World Air Quality Report released by Swiss air quality technology company, IQAir.

The 5th Annual World Air Quality Report released by IQAir, states that roughly 60% of cities in India included in the report recorded annual PM2.5 levels at least seven times higher than the WHO guidelines.

The report stated that the average PM2.5 level in 2022 was 53.3 pg/m3, only slightly lower than 58.1 pg/m3 in 2021. Bhiwadi in Rajasthan was the most polluted city in the country with PM levels of 92.7, and Delhi the most polluted metropolitan city with PM levels of 92.6.

Smoke from garbage burning at Shrinagar in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

The PM levels in Bengaluru also saw an increase in 2022 compared to the previous year. The level in 2022 was 31.5pg/m3 as against 29 pg/m3 in 2021. The PM levels were higher between November and March.

Air quality monitoring has increased over the past years in India, but the country still lacks the ability to track the progress of reduction strategies through an effective and reliable emissions inventory, the report said.

Impact on health

Greenpeace India, commenting on the latest report, said that exposure to air pollution causes and exacerbates several health conditions including asthma, cancer, lung disease, heart disease, and premature mortality.

The report cites poor air quality as the reason for 93 billion sick days and over six million deaths worldwide each year.

Avinash Chanchal, campaign manager at Greenpeace India, said, "It is clear that the air quality in India is in a dire state, and the government needs to take urgent action to reduce air pollution. Stricter regulations on industries and vehicles to reduce air pollution are the need of the hour. Additionally, investment in renewable energy in a decentralised manner should be a priority."

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> **AVINASH CHANCHAL**
> campaign manager, Greenpeace India

"Furthermore, the government should also invest in 'real' public transportation systems such as buses and suburban rail to reduce the number of vehicles on the roads," Mr. Chanchal added.

Ahead of Ugadi, KSRTC staff threaten indefinite strike from March 21

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ahead of Ugadi, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) Staff and Workers Federation has decided to go on an indefinite strike from March 21 demanding an increase wages and other demands.

The federation has claimed employees' unions of all four corporations have extended their support to the strike, and 23,000 KSRTC buses will not operate. H.V. Anantha Subbarao, president of the federation, said, "The Chief Minister and the Minister for Transport had promised to fulfil our demands in various meetings with us. However, the government has failed to meet our demands. Recently, when government employees struck work, the CM announced an increase the basic salary of employees by 17% as an interim relief. But the government is discriminating us to increase our salary. They are ready to increase our employees salary by 10% only. We have rejected this."

As many people travel to their hometowns for Ugadi, the strike threat may upset plans, especially for those who have reservations. Suraj Patil, a KSRTC passenger, said, "I have booked a seat in the KSRTC bus to go to Belagavi for Ugadi. Now the transport employees are calling for a strike. I don't know how to go home for the festival."

Walkathon on embracing equity held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The NSS Wing of Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous, in association with Apollo Cradle Hospital, on the occasion of International Women's Day had organized a 5 km walkathon with the slogan 'Embrace Equity and Break the Bias'.

As many as 500 students participated in the walkathon, the college stated via a release

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The General Public is hereby notified that, my client ASHWATH Kii S/o Hanumantharayappa, aged about 28 years, residing at Kodipalya Village, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District-552131 he was familiar to me, do hereby solemnly declare that today at Bangalore.

He is the absolute owner and in peaceful possession above and he has Lost/Misplaced the original sale deed dated; 24/08/2001, registered as Document. No.RJ14-1-08992-2020-21, C.D.No.RAD853, dated:25/02/2021. and Document No.RJ14-1-08993-2020-21, C.D.No.RJND853, dated: 25/02/2021, before the Senior Sub Registrar, Rajajinagara, Bangalore pertaining to the schedule property. If anyone is in custody in this connection E-complaint has also been lodged 08/03/2023 .1 hereby can upon the General Public if anyone is in custody or possession of the same, otherwise found the above said documents kindly hand over to under mentioned immediately within 7 days and they may be suitably awarded and also I further bring to the notice of the General Public that, in case anyone dealing with the schedule property on the above said original documents it will shall not be binding on my client and same will be an offence and they are liable to be punished under criminal and civil.

SCHEDULE

Kodipalya Village, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District-562131

If anyone gets hold of this Documents please Contact this Number Mob: 9980875025.

S.Bapuji (B.A LLB) Advocate
Mob: 9880502817
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Magadi road, Agrahara Dasarahalli,
Bangalore-560079

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients proposes to purchase the schedule mentioned property from Sunil Rajashekhar Aged 66Yrs,. Late. Sri Rajashekhar residing at No1, Bhakhtawar, Narayan Dabholkar Street, Mumbai - 400036 is the sole ans absolute owner of the schedule property bearing Survey No. 17 measuring 4 acres 6 Guntas and survey No. 18 measuring 6 acres 5 Guntas situated at Nellukunte Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District It is hereby informed the general public that any person/s, Bank/s, financial institution/s etc. if having any objection, charge, lien, mortgage right, title or interest etc., over the schedule property should notify the undersigned in writing along with documentary proof within ten (10) days from this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Survey No. 17 and Survey No. 18, Coffee land measuring an extent of 9.21 guntas (approximately measuring 10030 sq.ft) bearing plot No. 66 situated at Nellakunte Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on the:
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It is hereby notified that, my clients have entered into an Agreement to purchase the Schedule property from its Owner: **Miss. PRATHUSHA.S,** D/o Sri.J.Subramanyam Naidu @ J.S.Naidu, residing at No.12, 2nd 'A' Main, Near Anjaneya Temple, Ittamadu, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085.

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SCHEDULE

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Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is informing to the public at large, that our client **Mr.S.T. Ranka S/o Boridasji Suganchand,** residing at Flat No. D-604, 6th Floor, Platinum Ananda Apts, Bull temple Road, Bangalore-560004, represented that he and his daughters **T.Suman Ranka and T.Neelam Ranka** are joint owners of the property described in the schedule hereunder and further reported that the original sale deed dated 31-07-1991, registered on 05-08-1991, registered vide document No.1790/1991-92, Volume No.3393, Book-I, Pages 25 to 31, in the office of the sub registrar Bangalore South Taluk pertaining to the schedule Property has been lost or misplaced, in spite of their best effort it is not traceable.

Any person or persons found the said original sale deed may kindly return the same to the undersigned or if any one has any objection charge, lien, right, title, interest and claim on the above said deed or on the schedule property in any manner should lodge his/her/their/its objections or claims with supporting documents to the undersigned **within 15 days** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, after which period it will be presumed that there are no claims of whatsoever nature on the original sale deeds and or on the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Plot No.6/B,** House No.176/1, Katha No.122, Situated at **Sinivagilu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore** measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South on the Eastern Side 43 feet North to South on the Western side 42 feet in all **2125 Sq. ft** together with building constructed thereon and bounded on that:

East by : 30 Feet Road, West by : Private Property Bearing Plot No.7; North by : Sinivagilu Village; South by : Remaining portion of Plot No. 6, viz 6/A sold to Sri.Preethi Kumar

C.V.Nagendra, Advocate
SNS Law Associates
No. 101,1st Floor, No.663, 3rd Cross, Opp to Karnataka Bank, Kumbara Street, K.R. Pura, Bangalore-560036.
Bangalore Date : 14-03-2023

2022 ACCS Award conferred

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Dr. Tessy Thomas, Distinguished Scientist and Director General (Aeronautical Systems) at the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), was recently conferred with ACCS Foundation Award at the 27th International Conference on Advanced Computing and Communications (ADCOM) held at the International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIIT-B).

The award which carries the prize money of ₹1,00,000 and a citation, was conferred on her for her seminal work in Guidance Algorithms for Solid Propelled Ballistic Missiles and her leadership at the helm of multi-stage Agni missile systems.

'Apt that Bengaluru is hosting G-20 Digital Innovation Alliance Summit'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

E.V. Ramana Reddy, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of IT, BT, Science and Technology and Electronics, on Tuesday said that Bengaluru hosting the G-20 Digital Innovation Alliance Grand Summit is most appropriate considering the innovation emerging out of the city.

Speaking at the G20 Digital Innovation Alliance Regional Meet he said, "I must thank the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for selecting Bengaluru to host their final event of the G-20 Digital Innovation Alliance in August. Over the last few months we have had seven or eight G-20 events in the city. This (G-20 Digital Innovation Alliance) will be the last event as far as G20 events are concerned in Bengaluru," he said.

He added that Bengaluru hosting the event is most appropriate considering the innovation emerging out of the city.

"If you take Unicorns, we are number three in the world. I should say there are more than 100 unicorns in the country and 40 are in Bengaluru. The first unicorn in the country is from Bengaluru and the 100th is also from Bengaluru. Besides, the fastest unicorn is also from Bengaluru. That is the power of innovation happening in Bengaluru," he added.

"Hundred years ago the greatest engineer Sir M. Visvesvaraya said industrialise or perish. Now we have reached a stage where we have to innovate or perish. Many giants have collapsed because they could not innovate and keep pace with the innovation happening these days," Dr. Reddy said.

A panel discussion was held on the framework to support innovative startups through strategic collaboration across G20 nations and Catalyzing Digital transformation in Tier 2 and 3 cities.

CACHE

A new model: A visitor walks past the Red Hat logo at the Mobile World Congress (MWC) on February 27. AFP

A Red Hat lesson for Elon Musk: on making Twitter's algorithm open source

Elon Musk can use Red Hat's example of building a software business to create an entirely new open source business model. But to do that, he will have to dispassionately look at the existing model which is built on selling ads and channelling content

John Xavier

Twitter's new owner Elon Musk is planning to make the microblogging site's algorithm open source. This means that the blueprint on how the platform plays up content and ads to users will be open to the broader developer community. Mr. Musk revealed his plan on making Twitter's back-end rules open source two weeks ago. In a tweet, which seemed more like a lament, he said, "I acquired the world's largest non-profit for $44B lol." When a user prodded him on whether he would open the platform's algorithm, he replied cautiously that he will. He told his nearly 130 million plus followers to be prepared "to be disappointed at first" when the rules are made open source. But he promised them "it will rapidly improve."

According to the timeline he shared, Twitter's algorithm must now be open to developers. However, this has not happened yet and Mr. Musk has not given any further update. So, it is unclear when developers can view the list of rules.

A good decision?

Tesla's boss bought Twitter with a mix of equity and debt to cover the $44 billion acquisition price tag. The purchase had cost him the world's richest person title briefly. He has now reclaimed it, thanks to a rally in Tesla stocks. He is once again at the top, according to Bloomberg's Billionaires Index. But he still has interest payments to make on the loans he took to purchase Twitter. So, how does it make sense for him to open-source Twitter's algorithm? Or, per his own tweet, has he really bought a non-profit firm for $44 billion?

Twitter, compared to the social media giant Facebook, has a small user base, is less profitable and not cash rich. Its platform has about a few hundred million daily active users. But the platform's selling point for Mr. Musk was the relatively large number of users in absolute terms who are highly engaged on the platform. So, can open source Twitter make money for the world's richest man?

The open source movement

To get a glimpse of the path ahead, let us look into a brief history of free and open source software (FOSS). Today, almost all desktop users run their software programmes on paid operating systems (OS). Microsoft's Windows OS dominates the market with about a 74% share, followed by Apple's MacOS at 15%. At 3% , Linux has the smallest market share.

But, unlike Windows or MacOS, Linux is not a proprietary OS. Developed by a Finnish Computer Scientist Linus Torvalds in 1991, Linux was made available for free downloading. This was a somewhat common practice back then; to release source code among developers. This helped anyone with knowledge of computer programming to modify Linux to suit their own purposes. It also helped in refining the code. Access to Linux source code enabled other developers to build on top of Torvalds's work. By 1994, Linux's first version was released, and it garnered a lot of interest from the developer community. Around this time, there were several other "free" softwares, including Linux, Project GNU, and several other OS and tools.

There were also significant ideological differences among prominent computer scientists on whether software can be used for free or not. These differences led to a new paradigm, in giving and getting access to source codes, which was the open-source movement. It also brought along with it the idea of combining volunteer-built programmes with proprietary software.

Red Hat's business model

Red Hat Inc. understood the economics of packaging something that is freely available. It took the lead in providing open-source software products to enterprise clients in the mid-1990s. Red Hat's model was a new way of building software business as Microsoft was already selling proprietary software to enterprise clients.

The company's business model was like how mineral water firms sold bottled water. The natural resource was anyway freely available. But to make it appealing, they filtered drinking water and showcased that it tasted better. But there was one addition to this packaging. It came with complementary applications, documentation, and other services. Red Hat distributed Linux on CD-ROM that included installation software, and user manuals. The company also provided a level of technical support. Within a few years, the adoption of Linux grew, and Red Hat was caught in the late 1990s IPO frenzy. When the company went public, its stock value soared.

However, the sky-high valuation was short-lived as the stock market crashed with the dotcom bust, raising the issue of whether open source was a viable business model. But the crash did not stop companies from adopting Linux as there was an increased need for open-source software in the Internet infrastructure market.

Towards cloud infrastructure

While individual PC users were inclined to buy proprietary software as they came with a large library of applications, enabling them to transfer files with other users easily, the server market was different. Enterprises used more than one platform to run a plethora of applications. This could not be handled by a single software provider. So, they preferred open source software that Red Hat offered. Around the time when it went public, Red Hat wanted to create enterprise-class server OS. Nearly 15 years later, in 2014, it was serving the next generation datacentres, and laying the foundation for the future of cloud computing. It was a profitable company, selling subscription and support. While it was nowhere near the big players like Microsoft, it carved out a niche for itself.

Some venture investors called for Red Hat to change its business model from the current open source one. They claimed that the Linux software provider would have a problem investing in innovation, and that it would be dependent on the open source community to come up with ideas. Instead, they pointed to a hybrid future where open source software could be used as a platform to build software as a service (SaaS) offerings. Five years later, in 2018, IBM acquired Red Hat for $34 billion to offer hybrid multi-cloud platform service based on open source technologies like Linux and Kubernetes.

Twitter's move

Elon Musk can use Red Hat's example to build an entirely new open source business model. But to do that, he will have to dispassionately look at the existing business model which is built on selling ads and channelling content. Once the algorithm is opened to the developer community, it could get a new form and shape. This could result in a change in its core identity. But, at the end of the experiment, a new paradigm may emerge. Until then, it is going to be a long journey, and Mr. Musk will have to make interest payments.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"P. V. Ramani of Sattanathar Colony, Sirkali, wants to know the origin of the word 'midwife'."

"In old English, the word 'mid' had two meanings (a) 'middle' and (b) 'with'. 'Wife' meant 'a woman'. A midwife is 'a woman who is with the mother at the birth'. In Old English, 'wife' referred to any woman. It came to have the sense of 'a married woman' later. Even now in some dialects of English, a woman engaged in the sale of some commodities is called a wife. Examples: Fish-wife, Ale-wife, Apple-wife."

"Ms. K. Aruna wants to know whether the following oft-repeated announcement on Doordarshan is correct: 'We now present – in a short while'. She feels that 'now' and 'short while' cannot go together."

"You are right. It should be either 'Now we present' or 'We shall present in a short while'."

"Mr. R. Balagangadharan, First Trust Main Road, R.A. Puram, Madras, wants to know the meaning of 'replicate' in the following sentence: 'The fifth generation (of computers) indicates a new quantum leap – this time into machines which are intelligent and replicate human expertise'."

"'Replicate' means 'repeat', 'copy' 'make a replica of."

"Mr. V. V. S. S. Gin Rao, Bhimavaram, wants to know whether the sentence 'He called on Delhi' is correct."

"You call on a person and call at a place.

I called on him at his house.

She called on her friend at her friend's office.

I called at his office on my way back from Calcutta.

'To call on' means 'to pay a short visit'. 'To call at' means 'to go to someone's place, office, etc.' It also means 'to stop at'.

This blessed train calls at every station."

"Mr. K. R. Shah of Ahmedabad wants to know the meaning of 'chucking it down'."

" 'Chuck' has several meanings. 'Chucking it down' has only one meaning. It means 'raining heavily'. It is used in informal English.

We can't go out now. It is chucking it down. It is raining cats and dogs.

"Ms. K. Kanaka Mahalaxmi and Ms. K. Lalitha Kumari of Visakapatnam want to know the meaning and pronunciation of 'mar'."

" 'Mar' means 'to spoil', to 'injure', 'to damage'.

When he heard the news, his peace of mind was marred.

'Mar' is a literary word.

Theirs was a happy marriage. Nothing marred their happiness, believe it or not.

'Make or mar' means 'make a great success or ruin completely'. 'This is going to make or mar you' means this will either crown you with success or ruin you completely. The 'a' in 'mar' is pronounced like the 'a' in part. The final 'r' is silent."

Published in The Hindu on April 7, 1987.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Uranus was discovered in the month of March by Astronomer William Herschel in 1781. Here is a quiz on the first planet to be discovered through a telescope

Abhinaya. K

QUESTION 1

William Herschel unsuccessfully tried to name the planet after King George III as Georgium Sidus. Who was the planet finally named after and who suggested the name?

QUESTION 2

How long does it take for the seventh planet from the Sun to rotate or spin once and how long does it take for Uranus to finish one orbit around the Sun (in earth years)?

QUESTION 3

Most of the moons of the planet are named after characters from the works of William Shakespeare. Which of the following is not a Uranian moon — Ariel, Desdemona, Juliet, Viola and Rosalind?

QUESTION 4

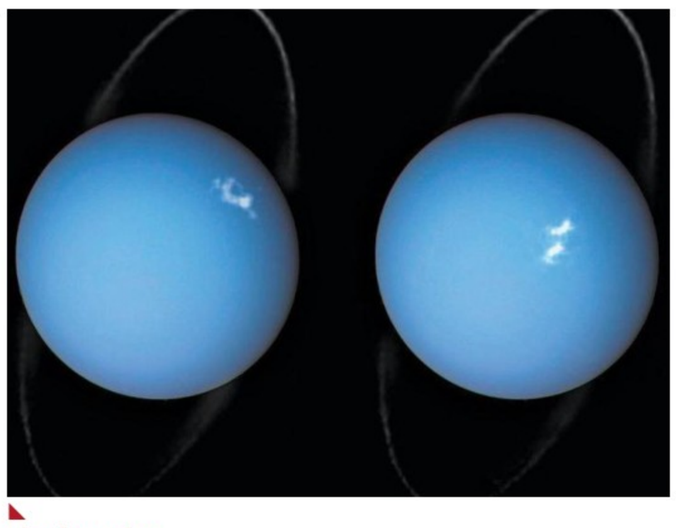
The seventh planet from the sun is one of the two planets that rotates in the opposite direction, from east to west, than most planets. Which is the other planet?

QUESTION 5

The planet gets its blue colour because of this gas in its atmosphere. Sunlight passes through the atmosphere of the planet and gets reflected back to the cloud tops resulting in the colour. Name the gas.

QUESTION 6

This chemical element discovered in 1789 was named after the planet by a German chemist. Name the element.



Visual question:
Even though the planet was discovered much earlier, the discovery that it was surrounded by rings came only in 1977. How many rings does the planet have? ESA/HUBBLE & NASA, L. LAMY

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This documentary which examines the global financial crisis of 2008 won an Oscar in 2011. **Ans: *Inside Job***
2. *The Elephant Whisperers* is set in this National Park. **Ans: Theppakadu, Mudumalai National Park**
3. The person who composed the music for *Smile Pinki.* **Ans: Guitar Prasanna**
4. The name of the documentary which features Malala Yousafzai. **Ans: *He Named Me Malala***
5. This documentary film directed by Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy and Daniel Junge about acid attacks on women in Pakistan won the 2012 Academy Award for Best Documentary Short Subject. **Ans: *Saving Face***
Visual: The name of this documentary film maker. **Ans: Shaunak Sen**
Early Birds: M. Suresh Kumar| Akshay Kumar Khanna| Daksh Yadav| Prem Barnabas| Harwin Tom

Word of the day

Parlance:
a manner of speaking that is natural to native speakers of a language (used as a noun)

Synonyms: idiom

Usage: *The parlance of teenagers today is beyond my comprehension.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/parlancepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈpɑːləns/

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Man posing as IPS officer held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Talaghattapura police on Tuesday arrested a PU dropout who, posing as an IPS officer, had allegedly cheated a businessman and escaped with ₹1.7 crore.

Based on the complaint by Venkata Narayana, the Talaghattapura police tracked down the accused through the CDR and CCTV details and arrested him.

The accused R. Srinivas, 34, a resident of Chandra Layout, was arrested in a car theft case by Vijayanagar police in 2010. After his release, he started meeting people posing as a probationary IPS officer working in Mysuru and got close to businessmen and realtors promising to help them in civil disputes.

He met Venkata Narayana, a city-based businessman, through a common friend. During a casual conversion, Srinivas told Venkata Narayana that he was handling a big land litigation case in Mysuru worth ₹450 crore and that he was getting a commission of ₹250 crore out of it. He also discussed some investment and business preposition with Venkata Narayana to take him into confidence. Bowled by his charm, position and business prepositions, Venkata Narayana offered to help him in investments. A few days later, Srinivas called him seeking emergency financial help of ₹2.5 crore and assured to return it. The accused returned ₹50 lakh and escaped with the rest of the money.

After waiting for a few days, Venkata Narayana tried to reach him and later on suspicion cross checked with the police in Mysuru to learn that there was no one by name Srinivas. The accused was in the con business for the last two years and even got a police uniform stitched and an SUV for himself to move around.

Constable suspended

In another case, a crime constable attached to Banashankari police was arrested for allegedly helping a gang of house-break thieves.

The nexus came to light when Banashankari police, following a clue, busted the gang who told them about Yallappa, who was attached to the same station.Yallappa used to give them tips on the house breaks in return for a commission from the stolen valuables.

Woman arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Baiyappanahalli police arrested a woman who, posing as an army officer, allegedly cheated job aspirants and realtors offering to get them contracts in her department and escaped with the money.

Based on the complaint from one of the victims N. Mohan, a realtor, the police tracked down the accused and her male associate and arrested them on Monday. The accused are Darshana Bhardwaj, 42, from Assam, and Jyotirmayi. Darshana is the former wife of a army officer-. Mohan told the police that he got to know Darshana some months ago through a friend.

Darshana showed interest in buying a house that Mohan had constructed and introduced herself as a captain She told him that the defence establishment needed real-estate developers for the maintenance of buildings and promised to get him a contract worth several crores.

She pocketed ₹1.16 crore from him as part of the commission and later demanded ₹40 lakh, said the police.

Mohan cross-checked and learned that she was impersonating an army officer.

Based on the complaint, the police tracked down the accused and arrested her.

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Reptd. by its Debt Collection Manager : Sri. Pramodh G, S/o.Gurumallappa B
Defendant :
Mr. Themre Isho Zimik, Aged about 37 years, S/o. Mr. Mashunstone Zimik, R/at No. 29, Impact Residency, 5th Main, 4th Cross, BBMP Anasappa Layout, Kalyannagar, Bangalore-560 084.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of **Rs. 4,33,431 (Rupees Four Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Three Thirty One Only)** together with future interest at **15.99% p.a.** you are hereby summoned to appear before, the IV Addl. City Civil Judge, Mayo Hall, at Bangalore in person or by pleader on the **24th day of March, 2023** to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on **23/02/2023.**
Bengaluru
Dated **By Order of the Court**
Dy. Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bangalore
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate, R.No. 474/1993, 60, G-3, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Road, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 560051

IN THE COURT OF 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S. No. 25222 of 2022
Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.
Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068, Reptd. by its Debt Collection Manager : Sri. Pramodh. G, S/o. Gurumallappa. B
Defendant :
Mr. Sendhil Kumar S,
Aged about 36 Years, S/o. Marimuttu Shankar, R/at No. 40, 14/1, Srirama Nivasa Nilaya, Ground Floor, 2nd Main Road, Behind Karnataka Bank, Uttarahalli Road, Subramanyapura, Bangalore- 560 061.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of **Rs.13,77,169/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Nine Only)** together with future interest at 11.99% p.a, you are hereby summoned to appear in the court of the 13th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at (CCH-22) Bangalore in person or by pleader on the **19th day of April, 2023** to answer the same, failing which the suit/ application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on **01.03.2023.**
By Order of the Hon. Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
Altaf Hasan, Advocate, R. No. 474/1993, 60, G-3, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Road, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 560051

IN THE COURT OF THE XIII ADDL.CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)
OS No. 25267/2022
Hg:...../...../2023
BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Ltd., having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Cirle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390 007 And its branch office at Mythri Center, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 068...**Plaintiff**
AND
Varinder Singh ...**Defendant**
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Varinder Singh,
Aged about 50 years, S/o. Bhag Singh, R/a. No. 130, 1st Floor, BEML Layout, Max Miller School, 8th Main, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore- 560079
Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs.5,93,818.47/- (as on 30/10/2021)** along with interest at **24% p.a** and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the XIII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH-22] in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all relating to the above proceedings on the **19.04.2023,** at 11a.m. take notice that in default of your appearance on the the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this the 1st day of March, 2023.
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit. Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates, No.109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road, Bangalore- 560052

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

I, PRIYADARSHINI, D/o Suryanarayana Rao Baikadi and W/o Yateesh Kamath Kundapur, address: 13 PRIYA 2 main Shreyas Colony J P Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru – 560078 have changed my name to Priyadarshini Rao for all future purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE, (CCH-22)
O.S.No. 25615 of 2022
Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. By its Debt Collection Manager : Sri.Pramodh.G, S/o.Gurumallappa.B
Defendant :
Mr. Pratap.R,
aged about 32 Years, S/o. Mr. Rangaswamaiah Doddasomanahalli Ramanna R/at No. 102, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Mahadeshwaranagar, Herohalli KSRTC Layout, Handrahalli, Bangalore Vishwaneedam, Bangalore-560091.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs.10,72,257/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Seven Only) together with future interest at 13.25% p.a, you are hereby summoned to appear in the court of the 13th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bangalore CCH-22 in person or by pleader on the 19th day of April 2023 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 01.03.2023.
By Order of the Hon. Court,
Dy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit Bangalore
ALTAF HASAN Advocate, R No.474/1993, 60, G-3, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 051.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ABHIR Velandy Palath, R/O No 239, G–flr, 18th D Main, 1st Cross, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore–560008, have changed my name as Abhirr Velandy Palat vide afdvt dtd 09/03/2023.

I, ANDREW Nitin Joseph Gerald Arokiadoss,R/O No 36,20th Cross, 7th Main,N S Palya,BTM Layout 2nd Stage,Bangalore–560076, have changed my name as Andrew Nitin Joseph vide afdvt dtd 13/03/2023.

I, K.BHANUVATI, Dependents of Konda Kumar Swamy R/o 555, Laxmi Nagar, Balekundri, Belagavi, K.n Have Changed by Name From K. Bhanuvati to Konda Yarramma Vide Affidavit Dated 25 Feb 2023 Before Notary Ub Shresthi, Belagavi, K.n

I, Yenipela Sreekanth S/o Yenipela Penchala Narasaiah R/o 21, 6th Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony, K.R.puram, B'lore-560036 have changed my name to Enipela Sreekanth for all purposes.

I, PREMA Kumar Yesupadam, S/o. Yesupadam David, R/o. No. 4, Suvarna Nagar, Doddabidarakallu, Nagasandra, Bengaluru- 560073, have changed my name from Prema Kumar Yesupadam to Y. Prem Kumar (i.e. Prem Kumar Yesupadam), vide affidavit, dated: 14/03/2023, sworn before Notary Public, T.C. Thimmaraja, Bangalore.

I, J.B.SUBRAMANIAN Residing at No.F-401, Ajmera Infinity, Neeladri Road, Doddathogur, Electronic City Phase-1, Bangalore-560100 have changed my Name to Subramanian Bheeman vide Affidavit Dated: 07-03-2023 Sworn Before Notary M.Venkataraman, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS hereby given to the public at large that, the property described in the schedule herein below is owned by Sri Umesh.R @ Nanjundaswamy @ Umesha S/o Mandya Ramaswamy Srinivas, he having acquired the same from its erstwhile land owner Sri. B.N Ramachandra S/o Sri S Narasaiah , through a registered Sale Deed vide Document No. YAN–1–12034–2005–06 of Book–I, Stored in CD No.YAND165, dated: 01–02–2006, registered in the office of the Senior Sub–Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore. Sri Umesh.R @ Nanjundaswamy @ Umesha, assured us that he is the absolute owner having clear and marketable over schedule property is in possession of the same and the schedule property is free from all encumbrances and he has full rights to sell the same. We are investing the title of the above said owner of schedule property and My client Mr. Tummalapalli Sri Naga Syamala Rao, S/o Sri Mallikharjuna Rao, Aged about 36 years, Residing at No–203, C Block BEL Quarters, Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Karnataka–560097, Aadhaar. No:2381 5495 4988, Mob;8892142966 is willing to purchase the same and hence any person having/claiming any right, title, interest, claim, demand whatsoever in respect of the schedule property by way of sale, inheritance, gift, exchange, mortgage, lease, charge, lis–pendency, Power of attorney whatsoever or otherwise howsoever, is hereby required to make the same known in writing with documents, to the undersigned at the address mentioned below within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the sale transaction shall be completed without any reference to such right, title, interest, claim etc., and the same shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents and purposes. Claims without proofs and/or objections directly published in newspaper shall not be considered as valid. Schedule Property All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Vacant Site No.17 (Vacant House property No.17) Present Khatha No.1552/8/17, Situated in Doddabommasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, Presently under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.10 (Doddabommasandra Ward) 4th Block, Archaka S Narasaiah Layout, Near Venugopala Swamy Temple, Doddabommasandra, Vidyaranyapura Post Bengaluru– 560097, Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 46 Feet, totally measuring 1380 Sq. feet and bounded on. East by :Site No.16. West by:Site No.18. North by:20 Feet Road.South by:Sri Gullappa and Sri Gopalappas Property Address for intimation Anil Kumar M.V Anil & Co, Advocates and legal consultants No 2 and 2/2, 2nd and 3rd Floor, Above Chettys corner Serpentine road, Kumara Park West Bangalore 560020 Mob: 9620832213 . Gmail. anil.joshilaw@gmail.com

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 20)
O.S. No. 25133/2022
BETWEEN :
ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Promod G,
Aged about 46 years,
S/o. Mr. Gurumallappa
...PLAINTIFF
AND:
MR. RAMESH BEHERA
S/o. Mr. Rabindra Behera
2261, 80 Feet Road, HAL, 3rd Stage, Bangalore- 560008
...DEFENDANT
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,66,154.62/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Four and paisa Sixty Two Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a. in **O.S. No. 25133/2022** and same is pending adjudication in CCH-20, Before Addl., City Civil Court. Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **24th day of May, 2023** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **08th day of March, 2023.**
By order of the Court,
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayo Hall Bangalore- 560001
FC & CO.,
ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
Bengaluru- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF THE XXVIII ADDL.CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-29)
O. S. NO. 25717/2021
Hg: 06/04/2023
BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Limited having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390 007 And its branch office at Mythri Center, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 ...Plaintiff
AND
Muralidhara K. N.
...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Muralidhara K. N.,
Aged about 35 years,
S/o. Siddappa Nagaraju,
R/a. J435, J Block,
Brigade Courtyard Apartments, HMT Main Road, Jalahalli, Bangalore-560013
Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs. 8,63,205.75/-(as on 08/03/2021)** along with interest at 24% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the XXVIII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH 29] in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on the 06/04/2023 at 11:00A.M take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this the 22nd day of February, 2023.
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit
Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates, No. 109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road, Bangalore- 560052

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CCH 20)
O.S.NO.25509 OF 2021
Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited Having its branch office at 4/10, Mythree Towers Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068 And, represented by its Collection Manager Mr.Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
And:
Mr. Ashok Ghorpade
...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To
Mr.Ashok Ghorpade
S/o.Sathish Ghorpade, Aged about 32 years, R/at No.23, 2nd Cross, 4th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034
Also at
No.34, 6th Cross Uttarahalli Appaiahswamy Layout, Opp H.P. Petrol Bunk Bangalore- 560061
...Defendant
Whereas the Plaintiff had instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs.7,49,235.46/-** as on **28th March 2021** along with interest 24% p.a. and other consequential relief. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble City Civil Judge Mayo Hall at Bangalore **(CCH 20)** in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on **24.05.2023** At **11:00 A.M.,** take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before the suit will be hears and determined in your absence.
Given under my and seal of this Court, this 06th Day of March, 2023
BY ORDER OF THIS HON'BLE COURT
Asst/Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayo Hall Bengaluru
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
ANVAYA LAW
ADVOCATES AND CONSULTANTS
First Floor Indian Express Buildings No.1 Queens Road Bengaluru 560 001
Cell No.9845806822
Vasudevan.hn@anvayalaw.com

IN THE COURT OF THE XXVIII ADDL.CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-29)
OS No. 25713/2021
Hg: 17/04/2023
Between :
ICICI Bank Limited having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 ...Plaintiff
And
Jagannatha M ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Jagannatha M, Aged about 43 years, S/o. Mariyanna, R/a 1st Floor, Devasandra Main Road, Near Shani Mahatma Temple, Devasandra, Bangalore-560036
Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs.3,66,784.40/- (as on 19/03/2021)** along with interest at 24% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the XXVIII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore **[CCH-29]** in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on **17/04/2023** at **11:00 A.M.** take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Give under my hand and the seal of this court, this 22nd day of February, 2023.
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates, No. 109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road, Bangalore- 560052

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE
O.S. NO. 25822/2022
BETWEEN :
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Promod G, Aged about 46 years, S/o. Mr. Gurumallappa
...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Ramesh T.V
S/o. Venkateshappa,
No. 979, Punam Mandara Apartment, T-2, 3rd Floor, Suash Nagar, Kengeri Satellite Bangalore-560060.
...Defendant
Summons to Defendant
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 9,53,885/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Five Only)** apart from future interest of 12.85% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25822/2022** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20,** Before **Addl., City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.**
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **7th day of June 2023** at **11 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 8th day of March 2023.
By order of the Court,
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall, BENGALURU- 560 001
FX & CO.,
ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560005

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Mrs. Vimalamma D.M wife of Late. Kodandarama has lost /Misplaced below mentioned original document pertaining to the **Fixed Deposit Receipt Identification FDR No.5955,:**
Any person or persons finding the original document may write to the undersigned with regard to the aforesaid document within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of issuance of this notice.
SD/-
Umesha B.V Advocate
No.4263/7, 58th Cross,Opposite to Maruti Clinic, Kumarswamy Layout, Bangalore - 560078. Email:- umeshbv22@gmail.com
Contact No: - 8884181333

KARNATAKA RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SOCIETY

(An Organisation of Govt. of Karnataka)
No.8, M.S.B-1, 6 & 7th Floor, Cunnigham Road, Bengaluru-560052.
Ph: 080-22283366 Website:www.kreis.kar.nic.in Email:edkreis@rediffmail.com
No.KREIS/Edu/CR-03/2022-23 Date:14.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Tendering Only)

Tenders have been invited for **Conducting of K-CET/NEET/JEE Online / Offline training Classes to Students of Residential Schools/Colleges of KARNATAKA RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SOCIETY, BANGALORE** from eligible agencies through e-Portal vide website: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on 14.03.2023.** The last date for receipt of tender is **21.03.2023.** The details may be viewed at above website.

Sd/- Executive Director
KREIS, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/KAVITA/5257/2022-23

LOST OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public that my client **Sri Nagendra Babu R** S/o Rajanna, No. 28, Magnadi Main Road, BMTC 35 Depo, Brundanagar, Kodigehalli, Bangalore-560091, has been lost his **Original Sale Deed dated 21-01-2013 vide Doc. No. LAG-1-07412-2012-13, Book-1, Stored in C.D No LAGD-210.** registered in the Office of Senior Sub-registrar, Laggere, Bangalore. Property bearing site No. 3, Katha No. 11, Assessment No. 38, Shigehalli village, Yashvanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Total measuring 1080 Sq. feet. If any person finds the same, may be handed over to the following address, **RAJANNA .M,** KAR 1324/10, No. 1448, 1st Floor, Pipiline Road, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-40.
Mob: 9448883956

(Govt of Karnataka)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.W.D DIVISION SEDAM

No. EE/PWD/Dvn/Sed/TS- 1/2022-23/4519 Date : 10-03-2023.

-:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::-

1) Details of Works :1. Total no of work 01 in Chittapur taluka Indent No's are as follows: Under **3425-Dist. Science centre Work 167327**. 2) Head of Account: **Under District Science Centre works For the year 2022-23**, 3) Amount Put to Tender : **Lowest Estimate Cost Rs. 211.00 Lakhs Highest Estimate Cost Rs. 211.00 Lakhs,** 4) Legibility of Contractor : Class-1 contractor & Above, 5) Pre-Bid Meeting Date : **18-03-2023 - 11:30:00 Hrs,** 6) Last date & time for Tender Queries & receipt of tenders : **20-03-2023 - 17:30:00 Hrs,** 7) Tender Form Fee & EMD Amount: Tender processing fee & EMD As per e-portal, 8) Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **21-03-2023 - 16:00:00 Hrs,** 9) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : **23-03-2023 - 16:30:00 Hrs,** 10) Date & Time for opening of Financial Bid : **24-03-2023 - 16:30:00 Hrs**, 11) Communication Address: Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D Division Sedam, 12) Internet Address: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**, 13) If any changes for Cancelation: Any Changes and cancelations are done in **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.W.D Division Sedam
DIPR/Kalaburagi/1477/MC&A/2022-23

BANGALORE MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE

(An Autonomous Institute of Govt. of Karnataka)
Office of the Director cum Dean, Fort, K.R. Road, Bengaluru - 560002. Telephone: 080-26700810, Tele Fax: 080-26704342
E-mail: director_bmcri@yahoo.co.in

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

E-tender are invited for the Purchase of Medical Equipments in Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute.

1	E-Tenders are invited for the Establishment of Skill Lab as per NMC Norms in BMCRI, Bengaluru.	**Tender No. BMCRI/ Sup(2)/12/2022-23, Dated: 10.03.2023**
2	Re E-Tenders are invited for the Purchase of Medical Equipments to start under State Allied Health Science Courses to Dept. of IHBT and Cardiology, Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru.	**Tender No. BMCRI/ Sup(2)/40/2019-20, Dated: 10.03.2023**
3	Re E-Tenders are invited for the Purchase of Medical Equipments to Dept. of Fetal Medicine and Laser Equipment to Dept. of Dermatology, BMCRI, Bengaluru.	**Tender No. BMCRI/ Sup(1)/94/2022-23, Dated: 10.03.2023**

1) Commencement date for Uploading of Tenders: **13-03-2023. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting: **20-03-2023 at 3.30 PM. 3)** Last Date for Uploading the Tenders: **27-03-2023 before 4.30 PM. 4)** Date of Opening of Tenders: **29-03-2023 at 11.30 AM.**

Tender details, EMD details and other related details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the e-Procurement mode only. Website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Interested tenderers have to register in the e-Procurement portal, details of which can be viewed in the said website.

For further details contact **Director cum Dean, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute,** Bengaluru.

Sd/- Director cum Dean,
BMCRI, Bengaluru.
DIPR/CP/5258/Adverto/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
Executive Engineer, KNNL, KPC Division No-2, Bhalki

No. EE/KNNL/KPC-2/BLK/PB-1/Tender/2022-23/1848 Dated: 10-03-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (ONLY THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM) IN SINGLE AND TWO COVER SYSTEM

Tenders in Electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" are invited on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, K P C Division No.2, Bhalki in Two cover systems, from the contractors enrolled in KPWD of Karnataka State who fulfill the qualifying conditions, for the works details mentioned below.

The work Indent no. is 1) 36371, 2) 36369, 3) 36368, 4) 36383, 5) 36366, 6) 36372, 7)36380, 8)36381, 9)36379 & 10) 36382. the amount put tender (Rs in Lakhs) 1) Rs.21.17, 2) 21.18, 3) 21.18, 4) 30.45, 5) 42.36, 6) 42.36, 7) 42.36, 8) 42.36, 9) 42.36 & 10) 84.73 Respectively and EMD amount and Class of Contractor as per E-portal

Calendar of events: a) The Contractor can have access to the e-tender document 13-03-2023, b) The Last date of Submission of completed tender documents 21-03-2023 @ 16.30Hrs c) Date of Opening of Technical Bid is 23-03-2023 @ 17.00 Hrs & Financial bid is 24-03-2023 @ 17.01 Hrs respectively. All details & information can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours and visit website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL, KPC, Division no-2, Bhalki.
DIPR/Bidar/528/MC&A/2022-23

KALYANA KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

O/o the Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Division,
M.S.K Mill Road, Jewargi Cross Kalaburagi, 585102. Ph.:08472-220663 E-mail: nekrtceeglb@gmail.com
No:KKT/EE/KLB/DB/ 1231/2022-23 Dated:13-03-2023.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (CALL-2) (Through E-Procurement mode)

"Construction of Multi-Storied Building for Central Office Administrative block and Commercial Establishment with parking facilities through - Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer Mode at Kalaburagi".

The Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation, under Government of Karnataka undertaking proposed for Construction of Multi-Storied Building for Central Office Administrative block and Commercial Establishment at Kalaburagi, in the land belongs to the KKRTC. KKRTC has been earmarked 30 Guntas or 3035 Sqmts measurement of land for development of multistoried building under PPP Model.

The bidders may submit Technical and financial proposals in two covers system in e-procurement only. The last date for bid submission is on or before **23-03-2023 upto 17.00 hrs.** The bidders may submit the quarries if any only through E-portal before the pre bid meeting. Further, the pre-bid meeting will be scheduled on **18-03-2023 at 11:00 A.M.,** in the meeting hall at Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation, Central Head Office, Sarige Sadan Road, Kalaburagi -585102.

For further any information contact : Executive Engineer – **7760992033**, Asst. Engineer-**7795662853**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Civil Engineering Division, Kalaburagi.
DIPR/Kalaburagi/1486/MC&A/2022-23

Air hostess death: Police book murder case against city-based software engineer

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Koramangala police have registered a case of murder against a city-based software engineer for the alleged murder of an air hostess who had come to meet him at his apartment on March 11.

The deceased Archana Dhiman, 28, from Himachal Pradesh, came to Bengaluru from Dubai just four days prior to the accident. She was staying with Aadesh at an apartment in Koramangala

Based on the complaint filed by the family of the deceased accusing Aadesh of murdering her, the police have registered a case of murder and are questioning the accused.

According to the police, the duo stayed in the apartment and had a party a few minutes before the incident. The circumstantial evidence gathered from the scene of crime pointed towards Aadesh indicating that he had murdered her by pushing her from the balcony of his apartment on the fourth floor, the police said.

The police have also seized mobile phones and other gadgets belonging to the accused for analysis. The accused has a history of trapping girls and cheating them, a police officer said.

Meanwhile, the police are awaiting the PM and FSL report to corroborate with the primary evidence gathered from the scene of crime and preliminary investigations.

New seed fund scheme for space start-ups

IN-SPACe will provide a grant upto ₹1 crore to select start-ups on milestone basis, in three or more instalments

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of Space's Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) on Tuesday announced a seed fund scheme aimed at promoting space technology in the country.

Under the new scheme, IN-SPACe which has been formed to promote, enable, authorize and supervise non-government entities to undertake space activities will provide a grant upto ₹1 crore to select start-ups on milestone basis, in three or more installments.

As per the Guidelines for IN-SPACe Seed Fund Scheme for Indian Start-ups, only Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) registered start-ups are eligible to apply for the seed fund.

Besides, the shareholding in the start-up by Indian's (employees, promoters and angel investors) should be at least 80% and the company should not have gone through a funding round. "However, investment from venture capitalists is permitted," the guidelines said.

The guidelines further stated that the start-ups should not have received more than ₹50 lakh of monetary support under any other Union or State government schemes.

"This scheme will enable space start-ups to demonstrate their novel idea and move to the next level, where they can seek loans from commercial banks or financial institutions or funding from investors," the guidelines added.

The exact quantum of grant and instalments for each start-up shall be decided by the Experts Committee (EC) based on the progress of the project.

The EC, constituted by the Chairman IN-SPACe, shall consist of members from IN-SPACe Board, IN-SPACe, senior government officials, industry and venture capitalists.

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The written test/Interview is scheduled on 27.03.2023 from 10.00 AM onwards.
REGISTRAR

PUBLIC SECTOR RESTRUCTURING & INTERNAL AUDIT BOARD (RIAB)
Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Kerala
NOTIFICATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MANAGING DIRECTORS
Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the appointment of Managing Directors on Deputation basis from Central & State Government Departments/ Organisations in the following Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Kerala.

(1)Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Ltd	(6) Kerala State Bamboo Corporation Ltd
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(3) Kerala State Textile Corporation Ltd	(8) Traco Cable Company Ltd
(4) Kerala State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd	(9) Malabar Cements Ltd
(5)Handicrafts Development Corporation (Kerala) Ltd	(10) Kerala Automobiles Ltd

For details regarding Qualification, Experience and Format for submitting the application please **logon to https://www.riab.in/md-deputation/**
Last date for submission of application: 29/03/2023
Place: Thiruvananthapuram
Date:15-03-2023
Member Secretary (RIAB)

Advertisement No. 9/2023
Government of India
Public Enterprises Selection Board
invites applications for the post of
Director (Commercial)
in
MOIL Ltd.
Last date of receipt of applications in PESB is by 15.00 hours on
16th May, 2023.
For details login to website
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STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LIMITED
Rourkela Steel Plant
Rourkela - 769 011, Odisha, India
Advt. No. 02/2023 Date:09/03/2023
WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR ENGAGEMENT AS DOCTORS ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS
Rourkela Steel Plant invites personnel, fulfilling the eligibility criteria given below, to appear in the ***Walk-in-Interview*** on ***28/03/2023 during 9.30 am to 11.30 am at New Conference Hall, Ispat General Hospital, Sector-19, Rourkela-769005 (Odisha)*** for engagement as ***Doctors (Super Specialist / Specialist / GDMO)***, on contractual basis, for its Hospitals at Rourkela.

Discipline	Nos. to be Engaged	Upper Age limit as on 09/03/2023	Qualification & Experience as on 09/03/2023	Monthly Remuneration
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Specialist (Occupational Health)			MBBS with PG Diploma/Degree or DNB in Industrial/ Occupational Health/ AFIH [Associate Fellowship in Industrial Health]	Rs. 1,20,000/-
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GDMO	03	69 years	MBBS with minimum 02 years post qualification experience (after internship) in a recognized Medical College/ Hospital/ Institution. Preference will be given to the candidates having PG Diploma / Degree or DNB qualification and duration of such course shall be considered as experience.	Rs. 90,000/-

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1. Chief Executive Officer, Cyberpark, Kozhikode
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- To possess skills to interact and build relations at global and national level (including IT firms, Corporations and Commercial real estate developers)
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2. Experience:
i. 20 years overall experience, of which at least 5 years should be in IT/ Electronics industry.
ii. At least 5 years of experience should be as head of a division / profit center /organization.
iii Experience in development of infrastructure for IT/ITeS sector desirable.
3. Age: Maximum age limit: 55 years as on the date of advertisement
4. Duration of engagement 3 years
5. Remuneration will match the profile of the candidate and will not be a constraint for the right person
Last date of application for the post – **5 pm, 31st March 2023**
Format to Apply: Interested candidates may please visit Cyberpark website https://www.cyberparkkerala.org/careers for more details and submit online application along with copies of Certificates and testimonials. Only online applications will be accepted.
(Sd/-)
Chief Executive Officer
Park Centre, Cyberpark campus, Kozhikode - 673016, Phone: 0495-2433050

Government of Karnataka

Health and Family Welfare Department

Taluk General Hospital, Soraba, Shivamogga District.

e-mail: sorabhospital@gmail.com Ph: 08184-272216

No.: DHFWS/Group D Non Clinical/01/22-23 D: 13.03.2023

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender Notice is being issued as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 in two document submission system for providing services of Group D and Non Clinical Cleaning Personnel to Taluk General Hospital, Soraba, Shivamogga District for the year 2023-24 and interested Tenderers are requested to participate.

Sl.No. 1. Tender NoticeNo.: DHFWS/Group D Non Clinical/01/2022-23, Date: 27.02.2023 **Details of the tender :** Regarding providing services of Group D and Non Clinical Cleaning personnel to Taluk General Hospital, Soraba, Shivamogga District. for the year 2023-24 **Period given for registering the Tender:** From 13.03.2023 To 28.03.2023, up to 5.00 PM **Approx. Amount of Tender:** Rs.60.00 lakhs **Details of E.M.D.:** E.M.D. Amount: Rs. 1.50 lakhs to be submitted in e-procurement

For further details contact Administrative Medical Officer, Taluk General Hospital, Soraba, Shivamogga District during office hours or can be obtained from website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Administrative Medical Officer, Taluk General Hospital, Soraba, Shivamogga District

DIPR/smg/No.104/03/mca/22-23/2128

THE MYSORE SUGAR COMPANY LIMITED, MANDYA
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Sugar Town, Mandya 571 402 (Karnataka)
ADM/EST/508 14-03-2023

WALK - IN - INTERVIEW

The Company is having 5000 TCD Sugar Plant with 36,000 LPD Capacity of Distillery and 30 MW Bagasse based Co.generation Plant. The Company wants experienced persons for the following post at Mysore Sugar Company Limited, Mandya.

Sl. No. : **01**. Name of the Post : **IT Consultant**. No.of Post: 1. Qualification & Experience : **The Candidate should possess BE/B.Tech (Computer Science/ IT) from a recognized University with a minimum experience of 3 years and candidate should be well versed with various tools of IT applications and should have good knowledge of Kannada & English. The Candidate should work at Department of Commerce & Industries (MSME&Mines), Bengaluru.**

NOTE:- (1) The above Post is on contract basis. (2) Age Limit is maximum 30 TO 40 years. (3) Interested candidates should send their CV and related experience certificates to e-mail: ID: **secymines-ci@karnataka.gov.in** on or before 18th March 2023. (4) The Salalry will be negotiable based on the experience & qualification. (5) The Walk-in-Interview will be held on 20th March 2023 at 3-00 PM at Room # 135, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru -560001.

Sd/-MANAGING DIRECTOR

DIPR/AD-MDY/KSMCA/ 793/2022-23

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathi canal Division, Tumkur - 572101 Ph.No: 0816-2201415

E PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO:- 22/2022-23 Dt: 10.03.2023 (Through e – Procurement only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathi Canal Division, Tumakuru the undersigned invites tender for work indent below from eligible contractors using Standard Bid Documents KW-4 with latest amendments for the work indents as detailed below. INDENT Number:- (1) INDENT41149 Amount put to tender- Rs.207.27 Lakhs

* The contractor can have access to e–tender document from 14.03.2023 to 23.03.2023 upto 4.00 pm. * Last date & time for queries in e-procurement portal : 16.03.2023 upto 11.00 am. * Pre-bid Meeting on 16.03.2023 at 11.00 am (Place : At O/o Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Canal Division, Kunigal Road, Tumkur) * Electronic Bid Document-1(Technical bid) will be opened on 24.03.2023 at 4.30 PM. Onwards. * Electronic Bid Document-2 (Financial bid) of Technical qualified bidders will be opened on 27.03.2023 at 11.00 AM Onwards. or any other convenient date after the approval of Technical Bid.

For work details, qualification conditions & any other queries can be obtained in https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Hemavathi Canal Division, CNNL,Tumkur.

DIPR/TUM/1115/MCA/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARMENT
Office of The Executive Engineer,
R.D.W & S, Division, Haveri

Sl.No.RDW&SD/Haveri/PB-1/Tender:44/2022-23/2607
Date : 14-03-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (3rd Call).

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(1) Request of Blank Tender Documents and Receipt of completed Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement from : **21-03-2023** at: 17:30 hours (2) Date of Technical Bid Opening (If possible) : **23-03-2023** @ 10:00 hours (3) Date of Financial Bid Opening (If possible) : **24-03-2023** @ 10:00 hours (4) Date of Pre bid meeting Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Haveri. Vidyanagar, Old ZP compound. (ee.rws.hvr@gmail.com) : **17-03-2023** @ 11:00 hours

Name Of Works : Selection and Empanelment of Implementation Support Agencies (NGOs/VOs/ SHGs) for providing services in preparation and implementation of Village Action Plan and in IEC & HRD activities under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Haveri District. (RWS/DIV/HVR/JJM/ISRA Empanelment/CALL-3), Amount put to tender Rs. **125.94** Lakhs, EMD Rs. **1.26** Lakhs, Time period **1** year, Eligibale Agency : NGOs/VOs/ SHGs

The blank tender documents can be downloaded through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from the date of hosting the tender.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/HVR/KSMCA/650/2022-23 **R.D.W&S Division, Haveri**

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL
BANGALORE BENCH AT BANGALORE
CP (CAA) No. 08/BB/2023 of 2023
IN
CA (CAA) No. 19/BB/2022
In the matter of Companies Act, 2013
And
In the matter of Section 230 to 232 of The Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016
And
In the matter of Scheme of Demerger
of
BHAIYA FASHIONS PRIVATE LIMITED, The Demerged Company
with
BHAIYA INFRA PRIVATE LIMITED, The Resulting Company
and
THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS
under sections 230 to 232 read with other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules framed thereunder.

BHAIYA FASHIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
CIN: U18109KA2010PTC055244
Registered Office: 1-1/4, (old No.1/1e), 4th Floor, 7th Cross, New guddadahalli, Mysore Road, above girias showroom, Bangalore- 560026, KA
PAN:AAECB2866L
.....PETITIONER COMPANY NO. 1/ DEMERGED COMPANY

BHAIYA INFRA PRIVATE LIMITED
CIN: U70109KA2020PTC133468
Registered Office: 1188/1, 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Chandralayout, Bangalore-560040, KA
PAN: AAICB9729Q
....PETITIONER COMPANY NO. 2/ RESULTING COMPANY

NOTICE OF PETITION

A Petition under Section 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of The Companies Act, 2013 for sanction of the Scheme of Demerger between Petitioner Companies was presented by the Petitioner Companies jointly before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bangalore bench. The First Motion Application bearing CA(CAA) NO. 19/BB/2022 seeking dispensation of the Meeting of the Shareholders and Creditors of the Applicant Companies and necessary directions were issued on 24.08.2022. The aforesaid Joint Petition bearing C.P(CAA)No. 08/BB/2023 is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble NCLT on 25.04.2023.

If any person concerned is desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition, he/she/it should send to the undersigned Authorized Representatives at their respective addresses mentioned above, notice of his/her/its intention signed by him/her/it or his/her/its advocate not later than Fifteen days before the date fixed for the hearing of the Petition. Where any person concerned seeks to oppose the aforesaid Petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of Affidavit in that behalf should be furnished with such Notice. A Copy of the Company Scheme Petition along with all the exhibits will be furnished by the Petitioner Companies' authorized representatives to any person requiring the same on payment of the Prescribed Fees for the same.

Dated this Tuesday, March 15, 2023

For Bhaiya Fashions Private Limited
Sd/-
Gaurav Bhaiya
Authorized Signatory of Petitioner Company No.1

For Bhaiya Infra Private Limited
Sd/-
Om Prakash Bhaiya
Authorized Signatory of Petitioner Company No.2

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:903/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/EE(E)/T-1/22-23/Cys-78 Date:14.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following works on Total Turn Key Basis / Percentage Tender basis.

1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/EE/AEE-1/2022-23/400KV-Kaiga-Guttur/Cal-2/ for Strengthening of line by providing double string arrangement to existing single suspension string for various road crossing locations of 400kV Kaiga-Guttur-Line-I & II in TLM Section, Haveri of TL&SS Division KPTCL Haveri.

2) Bid Enquiry No: 903/SEE/TR(W&M)/HBL/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/PTR-2/CALL-4 for Transportation (to and pro), Repair of faulty Power Transformer, Testing, Assembling, Erection and commissioning of repaired Power Transformer of rating 10MVA, 110/11KV, VOLTAMP MAKE, Sl. No. JN-8150/5 Year of Manufacture 2002 lying at 110kV Dambal.

3) Bid Enquiry No: 903/SEE/TR(W&M)/HBL/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/PTR-3/CALL-2 for Transportation (to and pro), Repair of faulty Power Transformer, Testing, Assembling, Erection and commissioning of repaired Power Transformer of rating 10MVA, 110/33-11KV, SPEC MAKE, Sl. No. ST-36833 Year of Manufacture 2007 lying at 110Kv Substation Tarihal.\

4) Bid Enquiry No: 903/SEE/TR(W&M)/HBL/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/PTR-1/CALL-3 for Transportation (to and pro), Repair of faulty Power Transformer, Testing, Assembling, Erection and commissioning of repaired Power Transformer of rating 10MVA, 110/11KV, VOLTAMP MAKE, Sl. No. JN-8097/1 Year of Manufacture 2002 lying at 110/11kV Lakshmeshwar.

The detailed Notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-Procurement Portal process can be obtained by logging into KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on Hyperlink "e-procurement-KPTCL" or e-procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **15.03.2023** Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

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O/o The Chief Engineer, KUWS&D Board, Mysuru Zonal Office, "Jalabhavan", #P-4, 10th main, 3rd cross, 3rd floor, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru – 570 009.
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IFT No.: 2007 Dated: 10.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

The tender for the work of "Improvements to Water Supply System of Chamarajanagar city under AMRUT 2.0 including 5 years of Operation and Maintenance" amounting to Rs.85.65 Crores has been invited vide e-procurement portal indent No: KUWSDB/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT 3352 through E-procurement Portal. Further details may be obtained through e-procurement portal website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S. & D. BOARD, MYSURU

DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/1178/2022-23

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LTD.

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, ARBC Division, Hungund. Ph. : 08351-261110. E-mail : eearbcdivn@gmail.com

No. : KBJNL/ARBC-DN/TND/2022-23/2047 Date : 13-03-2023

SHORT TERMS TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

On behalf of the **Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore / Almatti, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, ARBC Division, Hungund** invites tenders under this division from registered **KPWD Class-III** and above contractors for the works of **Indent numbers 24099, 24100, 24101, 24102, 24103, 24104, 24105, 24106, 24107, 24108, 24110, 24111, 24112, 24113, 24114, 24115, 24116, 24117, 24159, 24160, from Rs. 7.5 lakhs to Rs. 89.00 lakhs.** Bidders can access the e-tendering from **13-03-2023** to **21-03-2023. The bid will be Opened on 24-03-2023 at 11.45 a.m. in Division Office.** For more details visit **website : http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/e-portal/index** and any other clarifications, contact the under signed office during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, ARBC Division, Hungund.

DIPR/Bagalkote/1001/Manipal/2022-23

FORM No. STK - 6
PUBLIC NOTICE

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES, KARNATAKA
'E' WING, II FLOOR, KENDRIYA SADAN, KORAMANGALA, BANGALORE - 560 034

Public Notice No /STK-6 NOTICE /2023 **Date: 14.03.2023**

Reference:

In the matter of striking off or removal of names of companies under section 248 (2) of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of :

SL	COMPANY NAME	CIN
1	MANTRALAYA POLYPLAST PRIVATE LIMITED	U20219KA2007PTC044328
2	SRINIDHI AGRI BIO PRODUCT (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED	U01400KA2012PTC063987
3	SOUL INITIATIVES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2021PTC148509
4	SAHYOGEE TECH SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2011PTC059839
5	SOFTINWAY TURBOMACHINERY SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74140KA2010PTC055936
6	THIRD ENTITY SECURITY SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2012PTC062311
7	ALIGNTEREIN SOLUTIONS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U93020KA2018PTC116598
8	AGCLOUD TECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC145523
9	AGSKEYS CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC119686
10	BETALABZ CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2013PTC068797
11	MANASA SAROVARA POWER PRIVATE LIMITED	U40101KA2008PTC045267
12	SRI GURUJI TECHNOINFRA PRIVATE LIMITED	U64200KA2015PTC078171
13	PNEUHYDEN PRIVATE LIMITED	U31904KA2017PTC099074
14	GOCHECK MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC083548
15	HCFI TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC153440
16	BLIK DOOH INNOVATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC136074
17	SAPNAV ANALYTICS & ENTERTAINMENT PRIVATE LIMITED	U93000KA2019PTC125540
18	ATVI DESIGNS PRIVATE LIMITED	U36100KA2022PTC159920
19	DIGIINTELL TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC135474
20	ABSOLUTE LIVING (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2020OPC137462
21	NUFORCE INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC120054
22	CFACE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC092780
23	STEFEN TITLE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2016PTC092411
24	SSK BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U15520KA2022PTC161836
25	NITINA RESOURCES PRIVATE LIMITED	U93090KA2017PTC103107
26	VINIAZ DESIGNS AND RETAIL PRIVATE LIMITED	U52590KA2018PTC112460
27	DHANANJAY CEMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U26940KA2015PTC082725
28	ANTHALASA BRAND AND DESIGN PRIVATE LIMITED	U93000KA2019PTC120044
29	QUICK DESIGNS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC095617
30	QUISIL SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U80902KA2021PTC149420
31	XITECH SPACE PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2022PTC160078
32	EV BAY INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U34300KA2017PTC098940
33	VALSOFT (TECHNICAL SERVICES) INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC140859
34	MKT VALVES PRIVATE LIMITED	U29199KA1990PTC010687
35	DBYTECHNO SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC121955
36	TRANSPASS COMMERCE VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC111479
37	MICRONOVA SEE AUTOMATION PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2012PTC066518
38	ENSAYO TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC126025
39	ANABEL CAREERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U80903KA2020PTC140036
40	NOCKNOCK ANALYTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC106349
41	TIREN VIKASA FINANCIAL SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U65990KA2019PTC130131
42	ORCSNET TECHNOLOGY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC122775
43	MOD WOOD PRIVATE LIMITED	U20299KA1983PTC005555
44	ASHEET CONSULTANCY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC113789
45	SOUND BASICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2013PTC068270
46	AVZ BUILDTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U70109KA2019PTC121530
47	AVOVANA (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U15549KA2020OPC131425
48	NADEMPALLY FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED	U15400KA2015PTC079024
49	LEADING EDGE ADVISORY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2012PTC062132
50	KINETIC QUARRIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U14200KA2009PTC050787
51	SOUTHERN PHONE TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC124865
52	BUDDHIJEEVI PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC098523
53	VISIONQUEST TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U31908KA2015PTC080967
54	INTI PROCURE PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC119104
55	PALI CHANDRA KATHAK DANCE ACADEMY PRIVATE LIMITED	U92490KA2018PTC111636
56	NIRWIK TECH ENGINEERING PRIVATE LIMITED	U72501KA2018PTC110938
57	GAURAVAM JEWELLERY PRIVATE LIMITED	U36996KA2014PTC073006
58	EQUES AUTO RENTALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U50102KA2017PTC108458
59	HEAD AND HEART AGRICULTURE PRIVATE LIMITED	U01200KA2011PTC058995
60	DESIGIZMO4U TECHNOLOGY (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018OPC112753
61	MELTSERWOOD TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC142971
62	HASSAN LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U20299KA2019OPC127343
63	HEAD AND HEART HOTELS AND RESORTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U55101KA2011PTC059418
64	RADIANT SCHOOL OF LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U80903KA2019PTC129031
65	IDEAOMETRY CONSULTING (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2015OPC082002
66	ACTONMAGIC TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2014PTC074508
67	PRANAGO SOFTWARE PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC153192
68	BIG MUFF APPAREL PRIVATE LIMITED	U17299KA2020PTC142467
69	PARIFT TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC109961
70	MOJO DIGI STUDIOX PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC111834
71	THEIOS AGROTECH (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U15549KA2018OPC109988
72	INTEDENT HEALTHCARE PRIVATE LIMITED	U85100KA2018PTC112172
73	HOZMAN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PRIVATE LIMITED	U74140KA2006PTC040161
74	LA MR FOOD LA DELIGHT PRIVATE LIMITED	U15146KA2012PTC062747
75	LA MR AGRICULTURE CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED	U01403KA2012PTC062806
76	TECH RUBIX INNOVATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC143956
77	SFX BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC092914
78	IGBOCHI HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U85320KA2019PTC123602
79	SPEARSEARCH SOURCING PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2015PTC079861
80	BEEFOCUS SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC126918
81	3PH GREEN ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED	U93090KA2019PTC124116
82	DR.GSK'S SOCIAL LAB PRIVATE LIMITED	U80902KA2020PTC140938
83	SELF MONEY INVEST PRIVATE LIMITED	U65990KA2020PTC134644
84	REACHSOFTTECH SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2014PTC076533
85	VIBHAVA FITNESS HEALTH AND REALTY PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC098232
86	POSTERO TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC084292
87	DIGICAT DIGITAL MARKETING PRIVATE LIMITED	U51900KA2010PTC053472
88	SUMO INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT PRIVATE LIMITED	U67190KA2014PTC074841
89	ANREEVA TECHNOLOGIES AND SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC109733
90	PRUSET SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC110449
91	CLETRN TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U34300KA2020PTC140194
92	HUBLI CHILDREN HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH CENTRE PRIVATE LIMITED	U85110KA2002PTC030467
93	KIJI FOODS AND BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED	U15313KA2015PTC080224
94	LOCAL QUEEN ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2015PTC084608
95	SOAPONE PRIVATE LIMITED	U24304KA2020PTC131593
96	SINGULARITY APPLICATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2017PTC106626
97	WOLF CODES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC107453
98	NIKISA CONSULTANCY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74140KA2004PTC034254
99	ARUHI BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED	U15549KA2017PTC099595
100	DPSL SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U80904KA2019PTC131166
101	CPSGATEWAY TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC082138
102	SANKESH GLOBAL BUSINESS PRIVATE LIMITED	U29309KA2017PTC105679
103	HAFIZ KARNATAKI DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45202KA2012PTC064871
104	ORIANA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2016PTC086371
105	EKIN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2014PTC076872
106	SOCOMFY GLOBAL IT SOLUTION PRIVATE LIMITED	U72901KA2018PTC111456
107	BELLUR INFORTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA1997PTC022075
108	SAMAGRA ITES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC131049
109	INFINITAE LUCIS ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED	U40300KA2019PTC125818
110	XLDREAMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U52609KA2017PTC105423
111	KBP VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED	U15100KA2019PTC126070
112	SSAVITA'S KITCHEN HUB PRIVATE LIMITED	U15209KA2017PTC107054
113	SYMINDIA TRAINING & CONSULTANCY PRIVATE LIMITED	U72100KA2001PTC029184
114	SRI BASAVA GOLD PRIVATE LIMITED	U36911KA2021PTC154748
115	RENET HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED	U55101KA2020PTC131696
116	VIBHINNA FACILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC120875
117	SYSAMIGO TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2015PTC080365
118	LITTLE PEOPLE CAREERS & CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED	U74140KA2007PTC041994
119	DECIMA INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U19129KA2018PTC115846
120	TRUE PROFILE SCREENERS & CONSULTANTS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC122098
121	BREIT INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC078507
122	TWOOD INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U36109KA2020PTC131515
123	SHAMBALLA WELLNESS PRIVATE LIMITED	U85100KA2019PTC129894
124	SHWETHA FOOD PACKERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U15549KA2019PTC123801
125	CORE PROVIDERS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2016FTC086216
126	GIZA NETWORK PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2006PTC040743
127	ANKUR BOTANICALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U01117KA1996PTC020454
128	GREEN THUMB GARDEN CARE PRIVATE LIMITED	U01409KA2002PTC030995
129	UTILIDAD SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2016PTC093598
130	BANJARA KALPATARU CHIT FUND PRIVATE LIMITED	U65992KA2019PTC123526
131	RSRSR TECHNO SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72211KA2009PTC049848
132	SHIN-ME GREEN VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC112227
133	RICOCHET SPORTS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U52399KA2016PTC093243
134	ELATE ENGINEERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74994KA2020PTC132974
135	OPSWORKS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U93090KA2016PTC098334
136	TANGO CALYPSO RESTAURANTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U55101KA2007PTC044317
137	KARADITYA FRATERNITY CHIT FUNDS PRIVATE LIMITED	U65999KA2019PTC128069
138	HESSKA PRIVATE LIMITED	U29219KA2020PTC131781
139	NIRMITHA CHITS PRIVATE LIMITED	U65992KA2014PTC074194
140	MYOFFICE ADMIN TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC094301
141	LK EXCELLA DECORS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2014PTC073011
142	RUUKKI METALS TRADING & MARKETING INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74120KA2011FTC096432
143	NEPHCARB PHARMACEUTICALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U24230KA2016PTC087114
144	PRAVAL CREATIVE STARCH PRIVATE LIMITED	U15500KA2013PTC068897
145	VCONNECTZ SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC114162
146	INFOTRONIX SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019PTC123888
147	ONEAPPS ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74140KA2003PTC031465
148	EPOCHTREE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2012PTC064504
149	CROSS CULTURAL CONSULTING SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U93000KA2011PTC059468
150	S.MART LIMITED	U74140KA2001PLC029328
151	QUICKSERVER LAB (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2018OPC110819
152	YAKSHINI TRAVELITE PRIVATE LIMITED	U63040KA2015PTC082608
153	SAMAY SHELTERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U70109KA2014PTC076794
154	ENIGMA SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2017PTC104285
155	AARYA SHELTER PRIVATE LIMITED	U45201KA2007PTC043871
156	CLEARTITLE BUILDERS (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018OPC111764
157	STRAWBERRYBOX MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC119669
158	SILVERSPIRIT SOLAR POWER PRIVATE LIMITED	U40300KA2017PTC100390
159	T. N. TEXTILE TRADING PRIVATE LIMITED	U17120KA2011PTC057261
160	QUASARMATRIX SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC099235
161	CANOMIKS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U85190KA2018FTC109279
162	ENLIGHTEN TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2020PTC135952
163	REDWOODS MASTER FRANCHISE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U70100KA2015PTC081606
164	IFG RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PRIVATE LIMITED	U73100KA2019PTC128656
165	ZESTFUL MIND PRIVATE LIMITED	U80301KA2020PTC141144
166	LMGK AGRO PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U01100KA2019PTC126352
167	JANODAYA MICROFIN PRIVATE LIMITED	U65990KA2009PTC049158
168	DADDYS GIRL STUDIO PRIVATE LIMITED	U18100KA2017PTC100284
169	TRADEPACIFIC TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2020PTC136748
170	SPEARHAED PUBLICATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2016PTC087111
171	TABLESPACE COLLAB PRIVATE LIMITED	U70109KA2019PTC123393
172	PRATYUKTA INDUSTRIAL NEEDS PRIVATE LIMITED	U52609KA2018PTC115053
173	ATIMODA PERFUMERY PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U24303KA2018PTC110935
174	IDEOACTIV SOFTWARE PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC082475
175	BOOHEN TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2015PTC083600
176	DATAEMO TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2014PTC075014
177	QSIGMA COST CONSULTANTS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74200KA2010PTC053493
178	SPARCOLIFE TECHNOLOGIES (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U73100KA2020OPC134055
179	ORO NUMISMATICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC130363
180	SUNTECH ENVIRONTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U90009KA2021PTC151185
181	SHARPMATIC INNOVATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2016PTC098399
182	IMPELMEDIA SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC139518
183	ADVIK AQUA INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U41000KA2017PTC101991
184	ANAVRIDDHI AGRI PRIVATE LIMITED	U01120KA2020PTC142749
185	ZENLOR TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909KA2021PTC152210
186	NANPADM ESTATE PRIVATE LIMITED	U70109KA2017PTC100285
187	ALLSKIER SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC148774
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After vaccines, COVID-19 testing kits expire in Karnataka

During the pandemic, the Health Department had set up four depots for storage of COVID-19 testing kits and consumables

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

After vaccines, COVID-19 RT-PCR testing kits and extraction kits have crossed their shelf life in the State. The expired stock along with other consumables has piled up in the Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI) depot affecting academic, diagnostic and research activities in the medical college.

While the total number of expired kits lying in the other three depots in the State – Mangaluru, Kalaburgi and Hubballi – is not available, as many as 13,63,280 expired testing kits have been stored in six rooms above the Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) in BMCRI. During the pandemic, the Health Department had set up four depots for storage of COVID-19 testing kits and consumables.

The testing kits and consumables stored are not getting exhausted as the laboratories linked to the VRDL in BMCRI have not been indenting these items in the recent past. After the third wave subsided, there is hardly any demand for COVID testing.

Stocks of expired COVID-19 testing kits and other consumables piled up at the BMCRI depot in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Facing acute shortage of space for carrying out its primary objectives of academic, diagnostic and research activities due to the storage of RT-PCR and extraction kits apart from consumables for COVID-19 testing, the Microbiology Department has written to the State Health Commissioner Randeep D. requesting that the stock be relocated from BMCRI. However, despite repeated reminders the stock is yet to be relocated.

"Our department has supported the State government and health authorities during the pandemic by acting as a major site for diagnostics, research, training and mentoring apart from being a depot for storage of kits and consumables. The department can no longer afford to carry-on with this task of being a depot due lack of space, HR and scheduled quality management system assessments. Moreover, offline classes for UG, PG courses of medical and dental streams along with Allied Health Sciences have also resumed. Storage boxes of expired kits have taken up a lot of space as they have not been removed from the depot citing absence of any protocol or directive on the disposal of expired kits," BMCRI sources said.

"Apart from the Health Commissioner, we have sent repeated mails in this regard to the Director of Medical Education, State Mission Director, National Health Mission and Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited (KSMSCL)," sources said.

Expired COVID-19 testing kits stored in BMCRI depot

GB Pure Manual RNA extraction (Expiry date: July 2022)
3,28,000

Genes2Me Automated flex (Expiry date: May 2022)
1,06,640

Genes2Me Automated Genetix (Expiry date: May 2022)
1,42,640

Himedia Automated Flex (Expiry date: January 2023)
5,60,000

GB Automated Genetix (Expiry date: December 2022)
2,26,000

Revalidation

Mr. Randeep said he had instructed the officials concerned to shift the stocks from BMCRI at the earliest. "We are aware of the space constraints in the teaching hospital and will ensure that the academic and research activities are not affected," he said. He said the possibility of revalidating the testing kits is also being explored.

'I told my team that *Naatu Naatu* would work wonders'

Nivetha C.
BENGALURU

Lahari Velu

As *Naatu Naatu* from *RRR* continued to make waves, most recently winning the Oscar for Best Original Song, Lahari Velu, director of Lahari Recording Company, which holds the distribution rights to the soundtracks of *RRR*, says, "I did not know how to react when they announced *Naatu Naatu*. This is the highest achievement."

Speaking to *The Hindu*, he said, "When I listened to *Naatu Naatu* for the first time, I told my team that once released, this song would work wonders. My prediction did not fail." He also said that folk songs connect with people fast.

"When we started the company 48 years ago, we did not have more than three songs. But now we have 1,26,000 songs," he added. A turning point for this company was the release of the Kannada movie *Premaloka*, after which the graph of this music label was on peak.

"I was hurt and felt very bad during one of my visits to Goa. At a party, a DJ refused my request to play *Naatu Naatu* labelling it a regional song. But now it has become an internationally acclaimed song," he said. He stated that this humongous achievement must be dedicated to the people of India, the media and all the well-wishers who supported Lahari Recording Company for the past 48 years.

Biffes set for a grand inauguration on March 23

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 14th edition of Bangalore International Film Festival (Biffes) is all set for a grand inauguration on March 23, a day after Ugadi, on the steps of Vidhana Soudha.

This edition of the festival will celebrate the centenary year of Dada Saheb Phalke award-winning cinematographer V.K. Murthy and screen multiple films he shot.

Apart from the competition sections in Kannada, Indian and Asian cinema, the festival will focus on films from Senegal, Iran, South Korea and Russia. The festival will screen over 200 films. This edition will also feature masterclasses by Bahubali fame screenwriter V. Vijayendra Prasad and *Kantaara* fame Rakshith Shetty.

Like previous years, the festival will be held at Orion Mall, Rajajinagar. Delegates can now register for the festival.

Body of woman found in drum

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) found the body of a woman in a drum at Baiyappanahalli railway station on Monday.

Police said three men came in an autorickshaw and dumped the drum near the main gate of the station. The deceased is said to be in her early 30s. The act was caught on CCTV camera.

SP (Railways) Soumyalatha said the incident was reported at 8 p.m. "We got information from the RPF about a plastic drum. When opened, a foul smell was emanating from a dead body. We are looking into it. We have some clues and we are trying to track down the culprits," she said. This is the third such incident since December 2022.

'Questions will be from prescribed textbooks, syllabus for Classes V, VIII'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Tuesday told the High Court of Karnataka that a senior officer of the Education Department will file an affidavit giving an assurance that the questions will be from the prescribed textbooks and syllabus in the exams proposed under new uniform assessment method for Classes V and VIII.

This submission was made when a Division Bench comprising Justice G. Narendar and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi told the government that an officer of the level of secretary or commissioner will have to file an affidavit assuring that questions will not be from outside the prescribed textbook or syllabus. The Bench suggested filling of an affidavit in this regard when Additional Advocate General Dhyan Chinnappa denied the claim made by some associations of private unaided school managements that the syllabus notified by the government was different from the lessons in the prescribed textbooks and syllabus notified during the beginning of the academic year 2022-23.

It was hearing the appeals filed by the State government questioning the March 10 verdict of the single judge, who had quashed the government's December 12, 2022, circular on conducting a uniform exam for assessing the performance of students of Classes V and VIII of all schools.

Earlier, the advocate for the associations had claimed that their students have not learned several lessons mentioned in the handbook *Kalika Chetharike*, based on which the government is proposing to conduct exams by circulating common question papers to the students of these classes studying in the government and the private, both aided and unaided schools. It was also contended on behalf of the association that *Kalika Chetharike* was circulated only for government schools.

However, the AAG denied these claims made on behalf of the associations and made it clear to the court that textbooks and syllabi for the government and the private, aided and unaided schools are the same. Also, the AAG also pointed out that even model question papers, which were web-hosted seeking suggestions, were prepared from within the prescribed syllabus and textbooks, and petitioner-associations had not sent any response or objection to the model question papers. The power of awarding free marks in case of questions from outside the syllabus is always available with the authorities, he clarified.

After hearing the arguments, the Bench ordered listing of the appeals on March 15.

Two railway constables among three arrested for stealing gold

The Hindu
BENGALURU

The Upparpet police cracked a gold robbery case and arrested two constables from the Railways among the three for robbing staff of a Raichur-based businessman on Saturday.

The accused have been identified as Mounesh Thippanna, 30, from Raichur district who had been working as a constable in Vijayapura railway police; Siddappa Vittala Metagudda, 31, of Vijayapura district working in Vijayapura railway police; and Mounesh Sitharam, 28, also from Raichur district. Mounesh Sitharam worked in a gold shop and gathered information about the victim purchasing gold and passed it on to the constables. The trio hatched a plan and executed it on Saturday near Anand Rao Circle before the victims boarded the bus to their native place.

The victims Abdul Razaq and Mallaiah had come to buy gold bars and jewels on behalf of their employer and were returning home along with the valuables. The accused confronted them, accusing them of illegal activities and asked them to accompany them to the station. On the way, they asked them to get down and escaped with the valuables in an autorickshaw.

Based on the complaint, the police gathered CCTV footage , identified the accused and arrested them. The police recovered 1,761 g of gold biscuits, 290 g ornaments, 1,180 g of silver, ₹19,000 cash from them.

An investigation is on to ascertain their background.

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No: KBJNL/IBC/D-2/PB/Tender/2022-23/ 1260 Dated: 13.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Only Through Electronic Tender System)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL IBC Division No.2, Almel, Tq: Sindagi, invites the percentage tenders for following tenders.

Nature of work: **"Construction of Distributaries & its Laterals (Distributory No. 9 to 45 including Major Distributaries-Tamba canal Kenganal) of Nagathan Branch Canalunder Chimmalagi LIS (Package-2/CALL-02)."**

Tendering System: **TWO Cover System**, Estimated Amount (In Lakhs): **17114.70 LAKHS (for 01 No of work)** AMOUNT OF WORK = **17114.70 LAKHS,** EMD RS. **1,71,14,700.00**/-

Eligibility of Contractor: **Valid Class-I and above contractors registration certificate optained from KPWD.**

course of action: request for e-tendering documents/ Submission of completed e-tendering documents from **14.03.2023 to 21.03.2023** upto 4.30 PM and Technical bid opening on **23.03.2023** at 11.00 AM

The contractors can request for e-tendering documents in the web site http: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/e-portal/index. While applying the contractor can pay the transaction fee in the e-procurement portal -using payment modes-I credit cards /Direct debit / National electronic fund transfer (NEFT) / over the counter (OTC) on or before above mentioned date during office hours.

Opening of bids in the office of the **Executive Engineer KBJNL IBC Division No.2, Almel, Tq: Sindagi.**

For more information contact office land line No: (08488–232298)

Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/ines.seam

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, IBC Division -2, Almel.

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Government of Karnataka
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA.
No.EE:PWD:CTA:JE-2: Tender-116:2022-23: Dated: 13.03.2023

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through e-Procurement Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work: Two cover System: Head of Account 2059-80-053-4-00-200: 1) Repairs to Ceiling Water Supply Sanitisation Electrification Providing POP Wall Panelling Inter Locking Tiles Furinitures Painting & Construction of Pathway and Other Repair Works to Inspection Bunglows at Hanagal in Molakalmuru Taluka (W.I. 166422) Estimate Cost: Rs. 70.00 Lakhs. 2) Repairs to Ceiling- Water Supply- Sanitisation- Electrification, Providing P.O.P.- Wall Panelling- Inter Locking Tiles- Furinitures, Painting & Construction of Pathway and Other Repair Works to Inspection Bunglow at Rampur AND Constructin of CC road- CC Drain- Flagging concrete, Providing Interlocking Tiles, Repairs to Ceiling- Windows- Doors & Toilets, Construction of Toilets- Pathway and Other Repair Works in the Premises of J.M.F.C Court in Molakalmuru Taluka (W.I. 166420) Estimate Cost: Rs. 65.00 Lakhs. **Head of Account 8443 Deposit Contribution:** 3) Construction of Assistant Director of Agriculture office Building in the Premises of Agriculture Office at Holalkere, Chitradurga District (W.I. 159006)/call-2. Estimate Cost: Rs. 99.05 Lakhs. **One cover System: Head of Account 2216-07-053-0-01-200:** 4) Painting, Repairs to Water Supply, Sanitisation, Electrification, Sump & Compound and Construction of Pathway to J.M.F.C. Quarters at Molakalmuru town AND Painting, Repairs to Water Supply Sanitisation, Electrification, Sump & Compound and Construction of Pathway to P.W.D. Quarters at Rampur Viiage in Molakalmuru Taluka (W.I. 155281). Estimate Cost: Rs. 15.00 Lakhs. **Head of Account 3054-03-337-0-05-200 SH Maintainance:** 5) Re-Construction of CD, Repairs of Approaches, Nala Training and Other Repairs Works to Hampi- Kamalapur- Hagaribommanahalli road (SH-131) at KM 78.20 in Molkalmuru Tq. (W.I. 155279) Estimate Cost: Rs. 10.00 Lakhs.

Sl. No. 1 to 3 Tenders dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: 20.03.2023 Time 17:30. Last Date & time for receipt of tenders: 21.03.2023 Time 16:00. Date & time for opening of Technical Bid: 23.03.2023 Time 16:15. Date & time for opening of Financial Bid: 24.03.2023 Time 11:00.

Sl. No. 4 and 5 Tenders dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: 20.03.2023 Time 17:30. Last Date & time for receipt of tenders: 21.03.2023 Time 16:00. Date & time for opening of Financial Bid: 23.03.2023 Time 16:15.

Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

RO No. 895: DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

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BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 15
RISE 06:27 SET 18:30
RISE 00:34 SET 12:06

THURSDAY, MAR. 16
RISE 06:27 SET 18:30
RISE 01:37 SET 13:09

FRIDAY, MAR. 17
RISE 06:26 SET 18:30
RISE 02:38 SET 14:13

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	34	22
Mysuru	33	17
Bengaluru	33	19

Bengaluru Today
31°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be slight cool with mist and haze. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be pleasant but hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
32°C A dry weather to continue. Day will be little warm. Night will be slight cool with haze and mist.

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SC to hear plea challenging bail to BJP MLA in graft case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear a petition by the Karnataka Lokayukta challenging the State High Court's decision to grant anticipatory bail to BJP MLA Madal Virupakshappa, the main accused in the Karnataka Soaps and Detergents contract scam.

The case was initially mentioned before Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud for urgent listing. Senior advocate Basava Prabhu Patil, for the Lokayukta, highlighted how the MLA was granted protective bail by the High Court on the very first hearing of the corruption case. The case allegedly involved the recovery of ₹8 crore in cash.

Madal Virupakshappa

Chief Justice Chandrachud initially listed the case for Friday, but later asked Mr. Patil to make a second mentioning before the Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul. The Chief Justice was scheduled to preside over a Constitution Bench hearing the whole day.

In Justice Kaul's court, Mr. Patil was asked about the urgency of the case. The Bench said it dealt with the cancellation of bail.

The counsel said the accused was a sitting MLA and a large amount of money was seized from his possession. The court indicated that the case would be listed in due time.

The BJP MLA's son, Prashanth Madal, who is the chief accounts officer of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board, was also arrested by the Lokayutka police on March 2. He was accused of allegedly receiving a bribe of ₹40 lakh on behalf of his father at the KSDL office.

The High Court had granted the anticipatory bail to the MLA after hearing his petition.

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INBRIEF

Need to atone for my sins, says Vishwanath

Admitting that it was a "mistake" to bring the BJP to power in Karnataka, former Minister A.H. Vishwanath on Tuesday said he needs to atone for the sin by sitting near Mahatma Gandhi's statue. "We are the ones who are to be blamed for the mistake of bringing this inefficient lot to power," Mr. Vishwanath, BJP MLC, said while addressing a press conference in Mysuru. Mr. Vishwanath was in the forefront of a group of 17 MLAs of the Congress and the JD(S), who had rebelled against the coalition government headed by H.D. Kumaraswamy, and facilitated the installation of a BJP government headed by B.S. Yediyurappa in 2019. Mr. Vishwanath, who has begun to identify himself with the Congress lately, said that he was on the verge of quitting the BJP. "I am planning to go and sit near Gandhi's statue. For, whenever Gandhi would commit a mistake, he would do a penance," he said.

HDK slams BJP for posters that 'maligned Vokkaligas'

The BJP's plans to portray two characters, Uri Gowda and Nanje Gowda who "killed" 18th century king Tipu Sultan, as "heroes" of the Vokkaliga community, has stirred up a political controversy.

The posters of the two characters, criticised by historians as "fictitious", which had come up on an arch in Mandya on Sunday when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the district, was removed later by the district administration. The posters had come up masking the portrait of Vokkaliga seer the late Balagangadharanath Swami, who is believed to have worked for the community's political unity. The BJP in the recent times has been portraying two characters as the brave warriors who killed Tipu Sultan.

Slamming the BJP for insulting Vokkaligas, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy *(in picture)* said: "The BJP is trying to spread communal hatred by bringing fictitious characters and attempting to kill history.... It is an insult that such posters came up masking the name of the Vokkaligas seer." On Tuesday, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar demanded the arrest of Director General and Inspector General of Police Praveen Sood for allowing such a poster to come up.

'Left' Dalits seek bigger share in Congress ticket in reserved constituencies

The development comes in the backdrop of speculation that the BJP government will forward a proposal for internal reservation among SCs, a long-pending demand of the 'left' Dalit groups

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A delegation of Congress leaders from Karnataka led by former Minister H. Anjaneya met AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge in New Delhi on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Pressure from various caste groups for ticket is playing out in the Congress, with 'left' Dalit leaders seeking a bigger share in the reserved constituencies for Scheduled Castes. This comes days after the dominant Veerashaiva-Lingayat community leaders sought more ticket for candidates from the community.

The central election committee of the Congress is set to meet in a couple of days to finalise the first list of candidates. On Tuesday, a delegation led by former Minister H. Anjaneya met AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge in Delhi seeking a bigger share for the candidates from the 'left' Dalit communities. Among others present were Rajya Sabha MP L. Hanumanthaiah, former Minister R.B. Thimmapur, and former MP from Chitradurga B.N. Chandrappa.

Hiked quota

The development comes in the backdrop of speculation that the BJP government is expected to forward a proposal for internal reservation among the SCs, a long-pending demand of the 'left' Dalit groups. Already, the BJP government has increased the reservation quota in education and employment from 15% to 17% for SCs and from 3% to 7% for Scheduled Tribes, which is believed to have brought pressure on the Congress. "We are seeking more seats for the 'left' Dalits since the communities are socially, educationally and politically backward. We are seeking at least 15 seats this time," Mr. Anjaneya told *The Hindu*.

Another 'left' leader and former Union Minister K.H. Muniyappa said that candidates should be strategically fielded in constituencies to send a strong message across communities that will help the party too.

Skewed representation

Congress sources said that the 'left' Dalits have pointed out at the skewed way of representation among the SCs in the reserved constituencies by citing Hubballi-Dharwad East constituency and Pavagada constituency among others. While they claim that their population is high in the two constituencies, they are represented by 'right' Dalit and Bhovi, respectively. Sources said that traditionally, candidates from 'right' Dalit communities get a bigger share to contest from 36 SC reserved constituencies across the State, and normally 11 to 12 seats are given to 'left' Dalits.

While the 'left' Dalit communities are believed to be in higher numbers in Tumakuru, Chitradurga, Ballari, and Raichur districts, 'right' Dalit communities are spread in the Old Mysuru districts of Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Hassan, and Mandya among others.

On the political reading that the 'left' Dalit communities have been voting for the BJP, Congress sources said there were instances of 'right' Dalits too voting for BJP, and cited examples of former Union Minister V. Srinivas Prasad and his son-in-law B. Harshavardhan getting elected on BJP ticket from Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha and Nanjangud Assembly constituencies, respectively. "With a strong anti-incumbency now, the votes are amenable for conversion in favour of the Congress," sources claimed.

Rahul Gandhi to visit Belagavi on March 20

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Karnataka Votes 2023

Rahul Gandhi, AICC leader, is expected to visit Belagavi on March 20. This will be his first visit to poll-bound Karnataka, months after the Bharat Jodo Yatra led by him wound its way through parts of the State.

The party is planning another rally in the Old Mysore region before the announcement of elections, that is likely in the last week of March, a Congress leader said. D.K. Shivakumar, KPCC president, will address party leaders and workers in the Congress office in Belagavi on March 16, to review preparations. Party MPs, MLAs, leaders, and aspirants have been invited to the preparatory meeting. District party unit is seeking relevant permits from authorities, a leader said.

Mr. Gandhi will arrive in the morning from New Delhi and return in the evening, sources said. He is also likely to hold a meeting of northern Karnataka leaders and discuss issues related to distribution of tickets and the poll campaign.

Priyank Kharge, KPCC spokesperson, said in Delhi on Tuesday, that the visit of Mr. Rahul would inspire the youth of Karnataka.

Speculation rife about D.K. Suresh contesting from Ramanagara against Nikhil

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Speculations about the possibility of D.K. Suresh, MP, contesting from Ramanagara Assembly constituency resurfaced on Tuesday with his brother and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar stating that the proposal exists but it is yet to be discussed with the high command.

However, a section within the Congress also believe that it was no more than rumour as the high command is unlikely to give up its lone Lok Sabha seat from Karnataka.

If Mr. Suresh enters the Assembly poll fray, he would face former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's son Nikhil Kumaraswamy, who lost the parliamentary elections in Mandya in 2019. This would pave way for a fierce electoral battle in the Vokkaliga heartland.

Sources in the Congress said the party high command would take a final decision on contesting Mr. Suresh, Bengaluru Rural MP, from Ramanagara. A few days ago, Mr. Shivakumar had mooted the proposal with the high command, but the latter had not cleared the proposal yet. "The proposal is there. But I have not yet discussed the issue with senior leaders of the party," Mr. Shivakumar said.

With the JD(S) continuously criticising the Congress after tasting power for 14 months during 2018-19 as a coalition partner, local Congress leaders have been putting pressure on the KPCC to ensure a spirited fight against the JD(S) in Ramanagara, Mr. Shivakumar said.

The Ramanagara constituency is held by Mr. Kumaraswamy's wife and Mr. Nikhil's mother Anitha Kumaraswamy. Mr. Nikhil, who has acted in a few Kannada films, has been campaigning in the constituency since his name was announced by the JD(S) last December.

Mr. Nikhil lost against BJP-backed Independent candidate Sumalatha Ambareesh in the Mandya Lok Sabha election in 2019. Responding to the rumours, Mr. Kumaraswamy said: "Anyone can contest from anywhere. It's up to the Congress to decide its party candidate in Ramanagara."

Contractors threaten dharna outside CM's house over bills

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

D. Kempanna

Yet again appealing to the government to release pending dues within a timeframe, the Karnataka State Contractors' Association has alleged that the government is yet to release ₹22,000 crore to the contractors even though work has been completed. Alleging that bribes are being demanded for release of dues, the association has threatened to stage a protest in front of the Chief Minister's residence.

The association had earlier alleged that the commission for executing public works under the BJP government had exceeded 40%, creating a storm.

"Though works have been completed, pending dues totalling to about ₹22,000 crore has not been released in the last two years. These works were taken up by contractors mainly in the Public Works and Irrigation Departments, besides BBMP," association president D. Kempanna told pressperson here on Tuesday. He said that while ₹5,000 crore is pending in PWD, ₹8,000 crore, and ₹3,000 crore is pending from the Irrigation Department and BBMP, "Despite Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai promising to release the money, nothing has been moved so far," he said.

Officials holding back

He said in several cases where money is available after it is released by the government, officials have not been releasing it. "Why are they delaying? It is no more a secret why the money is not being released. Bribe is being sought to release the bills," he said.

Mr. Kempanna also accused that the seniority in payment of bills is not being adhered to, and bills were being released to those identified by Ministers, legislators, and officials. "The rules state that 80% bills have to be cleared through seniority and 20% through discretion," he alleged.

Hours after son targets Vijayendra, Somanna clarifies he will not quit BJP

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

V. Somanna

The differences between BJP veteran leader B.S. Yediyurappa and party senior leader V. Somanna came out in the open on Tuesday, after a video in which the latter's son Arun Somanna is seen taking potshots at the former's son B.Y. Vijayendra went viral.

In the video, Mr. Arun is heard saying without taking the name of Mr. Vijayendra: "There is a veteran leader who sacrificed his seat for his son. He (son) is touring as though he is the next leader for the entire Karnataka." He also accuses Mr. Vijayendra of speaking disrespectfully.

This was preceded by the episode of a picture in which Mr. Somanna travelling with KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar in an aircraft went viral, triggering speculations about his next political move.

However, senior leaders of BJP soon plunged into action and apparently tried to pacify Mr. Somanna, who called an emergency press conference to clarify that he is not quitting the BJP.

Mr. Somanna was said to be disgruntled for sometime now as the party reportedly turned down his request for giving ticket to both his son and himself to contest the Assembly elections. He had recently stayed away from the launch of the party's Jana Sankalpa Ratha Yatra from Chamarajanagar despite being the district in-charge Minister. This had triggered speculations that he may be scouting opportunities in other parties.

However, on Tuesday, Mr. Somanna clarified to media persons that he will continue to be a BJP member and said that rumours being spread by his detractors should end. "I will contest under Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's leadership if the party gives me ticket. Otherwise, I will continue as a party worker," he said. Mr. Arun too clarified that he did not intend to hurt anyone through the remarks. Mr. Somanna said the party was free to take disciplinary action against him.

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Sons: Sanju Poondi & Captain Shanka Poondi
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Mrs. Padmini Balachandran
W/o (Late) Prof. V.K.Balachandran

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Vivek Rajasenan
Vikram Vadakkekuruputh

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Siddha Doctor, Researcher, Husband and Father
Fondly remembered by V. Ramakumari (wife), Ramraj and Rajathilagam (children)

Spices Board to engage marketing consultants

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BENGALURU

Spices Board, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has decided to engage retired officials from Central government departments/ PSUs, autonomous bodies/ commodity boards as consultants in marketing and export promotion at Mumbai, Unjha/Jodhpur, Barabanki/Guna, Nizamabad (Telangana), Guntur, Bengaluru, and Kochi. Get further details at www.indianspices.co

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ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವವರು ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕಾದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ, ವಯೋಮಿತಿ, ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.rdpr.karnataka.gov.in** ಅನ್ನು ಸಂದರ್ಶಿಸುವುದು. ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಅಗತ್ಯ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಲಾಖೆ, 5ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಪ್ಲಾಟ್ ನಂ.1243, ಕೆ.ಎಸ್.ಐ.ಐ.ಡಿ.ಸಿ.ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಐ.ಟಿ. ಪಾರ್ಕ್, ಸೌತ್ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ರಾಜಾಜಿನಗರ, ಇಂಡಸ್ಟ್ರೀಯಲ್ ಎಸ್ಟೇಟ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560044 ಇವರಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13.04.2023 ರೊಳಗೆ ತಲುಪುವಂತೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮುಗಿದ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಲುಪಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. (ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ **080-22342163** ಅನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ).

ಸಹಿ/-
ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ (ಪ್ರ)
ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಆಯುಕ್ತಾಲಯ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಲಾಖೆ

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, RAMANAGARA
RURAL DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION DIVISION, RAMANAGARA

Short Term Tender Notification No. 68/EE/RDWS&SD/RMG/ MRF/2450/2022-23 Date : 09-03-2023

The Rural Water Supply And Sanitation Division Ramanagara Is Inviting On Behalf Of Governor of Karnataka State Under QCBS System As Per The Karnataka Transparency In Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 Through E-Procurement From **"Selection of an operator to manage materials recovery facility". At Channapatna Taluk in Ramanagara District.** As Per The Schedule Given Below.

* **E.M.D. : Rs. 1.00 Lakhs.**
* **Pre-Bid Meeting at Executive Engineer Office, Ramanagara : 14-03-2023 at 11.00 A.M.**
* **Last Date for submission of Tender : 18-03-2023 Upto 5.00 P.M.**
* **Opening of Technical Bid of the Tender : 20-03-2023 at 11.00 A.M. onwards**
* **Opening of Financial Bid of the Tender : 23-03-2023 at 11.00 A.M. onwards.**

For further particulars / details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDW&S Division, Ramanagara.

More young people able to code in South India: survey

V. Kamalakara Rao
VISAKHAPATNAM

There are more young men and women in South India who can write computer programs using specialised languages, or code, than in other parts of the country.

This was revealed in the "multiple indicator survey" conducted by the National Sample Survey Office, under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

The survey's purpose is to keep track of India's progress on various Sustainable Development Goals. The survey report was released earlier this month as part of the NSS's 78th round; the survey period was from January 2020 to August 2021.

Specifically, 9.8% of people aged 15-29 in Kerala – the highest in India – were adept at programming, followed by Sikkim (6.8%), Tamil Nadu (6.3%), Karnataka (6.2%), Telangana (5.7%) and Andhra Pradesh (4.2%).

The States near the bottom of the table included Bihar (0.5%), Chhattisgarh (0.7%), Assam (0.7%), and Meghalaya (0.2%).

R.L. Narayana, chairman, Information Technology Association of Andhra Pradesh Investments Committee, attributed the presence of the large States of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana near the top of the table to literacy rates, the presence of IT hubs such as Bengaluru and Hyderabad, and the availability of skilled young professionals.

The survey's purpose is to keep track of India's progress on various Sustainable Development Goals. FILE PHOTO

National Sample Survey Office, under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, conducted the study

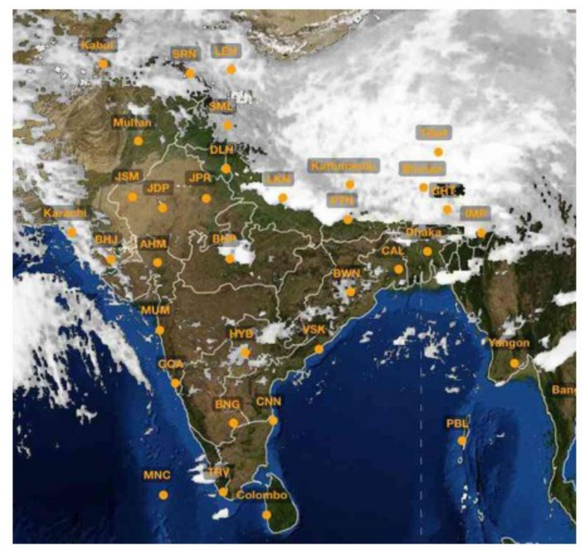
However, "Andhra Pradesh with Tier-2 cities [like] Visakhapatnam should not be compared to States such as Karnataka and Tamil Nadu" because they don't have "equal standards", he added.

The survey assessed programming skills in nine levels, from "copy or move a file or folder" to "write a computer program using a specialised programming language". The figures are based on self-reported answers to each question.

Across India, 2.4% of people aged 15-29 reported being able to code, and 1.4% of all people older than 15 years. The fraction was higher in urban (5.2%) than in rural India (1.3%), and similarly higher among men (3%) than women (1.8%).

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh. Thunderstorm with lightning/hail/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Sikkim, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.0	17.8	Kozhikode	—	35.7	26.2
Ahmedabad	—	37.9	20.2	Kurnool	—	38.6	21.2
Aizawl	—	33.5	13.3	Lucknow	—	32.6	18.5
Allahabad	—	35.8	17.0	Madurai	—	36.6	22.4
Bengaluru	—	33.6	19.1	Mangaluru	—	34.2	24.6
Bhopal	—	—	18.2	Mumbai	—	36.8	25.5
Bhubaneswar	—	35.2	21.6	Mysuru	—	33.3	17.3
Chandigarh	—	31.3	15.1	New Delhi	—	33.3	17.5
Chennai	—	33.6	23.6	Patna	—	34.0	19.4
Coimbatore	—	35.8	21.8	Port Blair	—	30.5	26.4
Dehradun	—	30.3	15.3	Puducherry	—	32.8	21.8
Gangtok	3	18.0	11.5	Pune	—	35.4	20.8
Goa	—	33.2	23.2	Raipur	—	37.1	22.6
Guwahati	—	35.0	16.8	Ranchi	—	33.8	18.8
Hubballi	—	35.0	19.0	Shillong	—	23.6	12.5
Hyderabad	—	34.7	19.1	Shimla	—	20.0	10.2
Imphal	—	29.8	13.3	Srinagar	—	22.3	5.3
Jaipur	—	34.9	21.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.5	24.1
Kochi	—	33.4	26.6	Tiruchi	—	35.5	23.6
Kohima	—	23.6	12.0	Vijayawada	—	35.0	21.0
Kolkata	—	34.8	24.0	Visakhapatnam	—	33.4	24.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.20	..—	.25	...310	...287	
Bengaluru	...3	..60	.32	88	...106	
Chennai	.22	..39	.70	...138	...100	
Delhi	.24	..70	.36	...358	...258	
Hyderabad	...5	..55	.43	...137	...141	
Kolkata	.23	..45	.71	...141	...110	
Lucknow	.15	..50	.89	...215	...186	
Mumbai	.83	315	108	...181	...160	
Pune	.97	130	114	...210	...128	
Visakhapatnam	.19	..69	.48	...218	...216	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bileipada, Odisha recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 384 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Nandesari, Gujarat recorded a healthy AQI score of 35

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

INBRIEF

Tamil Nadu unveils organic farming policy

Accreditation given by the Tamil Nadu Organic Certification Department to farm produce will be extended to livestock and poultry products, beekeeping, aqua culture, mushroom cultivation and poly greenhouse production. Under the Tamil Nadu Organic Farming Policy, 2023, that Chief Minister M.K. Stalin released in Chennai on Tuesday, a single-window system will be implemented to simplify the certification procedure. A State gene/germplasm bank will be opened to preserve the traditional cultivar seeds of all crops. The policy says the residues of agro-chemicals were found to be the source of many health issues worldwide and "...pesticide residues enter the food chain, causing many health hazards to humans and animals."

Karnataka villages to benefit from Maharashtra scheme

The health programme will be implemented in all the 865 disputed villages falling under the jurisdiction of poll-bound State; it will bring an additional ₹54-crore burden to Shinde government

Abhinay Deshpande
MUMBAI

Months ahead of the Assembly elections in Karnataka, the Maharashtra government has decided to implement its Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Aarogya Yojana (MJPJAY) health guarantee scheme in all the 865 disputed villages falling under the jurisdiction of the poll-bound southern State.

The decision, which was taken recently in the Cabinet meeting chaired by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, will bring an additional ₹54 crore burden to the State exchequer.

Home Minister Amit Shah with Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai and Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde in New Delhi. FILE PHOTO

'Ready to bear cost'

"We are ready to bear the expense to provide quality life to the Marathi-speaking, and also non-Marathi speaking families living in those 865 villages, which are now in the control of neighbouring Karnataka. Soon several other schemes will be made available to the residents of those villages," a senior Shiv Sena leaer said.

Both States seize any opportunity to provide basic facilities to the residents of the disputed villages. The Karnataka government is even constructing Kannada-medium schools, and supplying books and smart TVs to Kannada-speaking villages in Maharashtra, while Mr. Shinde provided a special grant of ₹10 crore for various activities in those villages.

Since 1966, the Western State has claimed the administrative rights over the 865 villages of Bidar, Belagavi, Karwar (Uttara Kannada) and Kalaburagi districts.

A.P. Budget tomorrow; Assembly till March 24

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

The Business Advisory Committee (BAC) of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly decided to conduct the Budget session till March 24 and to have the Budget for financial year 2023-24 presented on March 16.

Assembly Speaker Thammineni Seetharam chaired the meeting, which was attended by Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and senior Ministersand TDP's deputy flood leader K. Atchannaidu. The meeting resolved to move the motion of thanks to the Governor's address on March 15.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client proposes to purchase the Schedule Properties from its respective Owners mentioned in the Schedule below. The Owners represent that they are the absolute owners of their respective properties each having marketable, right, title and interest therein and that apart from them there are no other person/s having any right or claim over the Schedule Properties. The Owners further represent that they have not mortgaged, created any lien or encumbered the Schedule Properties or part thereof in any manner and that the Owners have not entered into any other agreement of sale/development agreement/memorandum of understanding/ arrangement etc., with any person/s with regard to the Schedule Properties. Any person/s having objection/s or claims shall with documentary evidence lodge their objections/claims **within seven (7) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, our client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction.

Schedule

Description of the Schedule Properties

All that piece and parcel of the following agricultural land situated **at Kempathimmanahalli village, Kasaba hobli, Devanahalli taluk, Bengaluru Rural District:**

Sl. No.	Sy Nos.	Extent Acre Gunta	Owner(s)	BOUNDARIES East	West	North	South
1	63/3	0-10	Mr Tushar Salecha, son of Mr Nemichand Jain	Property belonging to Govindaraju.	Property belonging to Ramachandra.	Property belonging to Ramachandra.	Property belonging to B Krishnappa.

All that piece and parcel of the following agricultural lands situated at **Jogahalli village, Kasaba hobli, Devanahalli taluk, Bengaluru Rural District:**

2	13/2	0-18	Mr Nemichand Jain, son of late Mr Meghraj Jain	Property bearing survey No. 13/1.	Property bearing survey No. 14	Property bearing survey No. 12	Sadahalli village boundary.
3	14	0-22	Mr Nemichand Jain, son of late Mr Meghraj Jain	Property bearing survey No. 13	Ilathore village boundary.	Property bearing survey No. 15	Sadahalli village boundary.
4	15/2	0-22	Mr Nemichand Jain, son of late Mr Meghraj Jain	Property bearing survey No. 12	Property bearing survey No. 16	Property bearing survey No. 15/1	Property bearing survey No. 14 and Ilathore village boundary
5	16/2	0-18 (excluding 1 ½ guntas of kharab land)	Mr Nemichand Jain, son of late Mr Meghraj Jain	Property bearing survey No. 15.	Ilathore village boundary	Property bearing survey No. 16/1	Ilathore village boundary
6	15/1	0-33 (excluding 3 guntas of kharab land)	Mr A Chandregowda, son of late Mr H Anjanappa alias Anjinappa	Properties bearing survey No. 11 and 12	Property bearing survey No. 16	Property bearing survey No. 18	Property bearing survey No. 15/2
7	16/1	0-24 (Excluding 2 ½ guntas of kharab land)	Mr A Chandregowda son of late Mr H Anjanappa alias Anjinappa	Property bearing survey No. 15	Ilathore village boundary	Property bearing survey No. 17	Property bearing survey No. 16/2
8	17	0-21 (Excluding 2 guntas of kharab land)	Mr A Chandregowda son of late Mr H Anjanappa alias Anjinappa	Property bearing survey No. 18	Ilathore village boundary	Property bearing survey No. 20	Properties bearing survey Nos.16 and15
9	18	0-26 (Excluding 1 gunta of kharab land)	Mr A Chandregowda son of late Mr H Anjanappa alias Anjinappa	Property bearing survey No. 11.	Property bearing survey No. 17	Property bearing survey No. 19	Property bearing survey No. 15
10	19	0-38 (Excluding 2 guntas of kharab land)	Mr A Chandregowda son of late Mr H Anjanappa alias Anjinappa	Properties bearing survey Nos. 10 and11	Property bearing survey No. 20	Property bearing survey No. 21	Property bearing survey No. 18
11	20	0-31 (Excluding 5 guntas of kharab land)	Mr A Chandregowda son of late Mr H Anjanappa alias Anjinappa	Property bearing survey No. 19	Ilathore village boundary	Property bearing survey No. 21	Property bearing survey No. 17

Ms. Savitha K.G., Partner
Poovayya & Co., Advocates and Solicitors
The Estate, Level Four, 121 Dickenson Road, Bengaluru - 560 042
Place: Bengaluru Date: 14.03.2023

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ನಂ.1 ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಎಸ್.ಜೆ.ಪಿ. ಆವರಣ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 080-22255210

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಾಅ/ಕವಿ1/ಎಇ-5/2022-23/63 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.03.2023

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಸಂ.: ಕಾಅ:ಕವಿ.1:ಎಇ-5:58:2022-23, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.02.2023ರಂದು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **10.03.2023 ರವರೆಗೆ** ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದರೆ, ಕೆಲವು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದಾಗಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **15.03.2023ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಮುಂದೂಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಮೇಲಿನ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಯನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ, ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ರಂದು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ಉಳಿದ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. **ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ:** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ KW-4 Column No. 22.1 ರಂತೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಕರೆಯಲಾದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನೋಟಿಫಿಕೇಷನ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ (ಹಂತ) ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಹಾಗೂ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಉನಿ-ಸಿ.ಪಿ/5267/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23

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No: EE(GRN)/TN/GL-31/2022-23 Date: 13-03-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of Works detailed below. **(Standard Tender Document - KW-3)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Providing Additional Development Works to Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Multipurpose Building in Mudalapalya Ward No. 152	100.00	2,00,000.00

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender document can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **17-03-2023 at 15.30 Hrs. 3)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **20-03-2023 upto 16.00 Hrs. 4)** Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **21-03-2023 at 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Govindarajanagara Division, BBMP.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
Phone No. : 08338/ 273859 E-Mail: eepwdckd@gmail.com

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-3/TENDER/2022-23/8020 DATE: 13/03/2023

Time Extension e-Tender Notification-1

Short term e-tender notification No. PWD/CKD DIV/AE-3/TENDER/2022-23/7640 Dated 28/02/2023 was called & Now the First time extension is made for the work s at Sl No. 2, 3, 8 & 12, is as below.

Calendar of events for the works at Sl No. 3 :
1)Pre-bid meeting date: 17-03-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 18-03-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 21-03-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 23-03-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

Calendar of events for the works at Sl No. 1, 2, 4 :
1)Pre-bid meeting date: 27-03-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 28-03-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 30-03-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 03-04-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

All other conditions of the tender remain unchanged.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikkodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-2047/KSMCA/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIVISION, BELAGAVI.
PH NO.0831-2463850 / FAX NO.0831-2423008

No.EE /MI&GWDDD/BGM/TND/AE-1/2022-23/ 1382 Date:13-03-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-3&4)

As per KTTP Act-2000 and recent Amendments the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department Division Belagavi has invited the Item rate tender through E-Procurement Portal System (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Total 09 Nos. of Belagavi/ Gokak/Athani Sub Divisions under 4702/4711/SCP Head. Estimate Amount Lowest Rs.3.05 Lakh & Highest Rs.304.00 Lakhs. The contractor should quote rates without adding GST. The GST amount will be paid separately. In case of extension period of work, if GST rates are increased then the contractor himself should pay the increased GST amountThe work details can be obtained from 14-03-2023 to 21-03-2023 upto 16.00 hrs.
1. Pre bid meeting date:20-03-2023 at Morning 11.00 AM, 1. Tender Receipt Last Date:21-03-2023 Evening 4.00 PM, 2. Tender Opening Date:23-03-2023 Morning 11.00 PM (if possible), 3.For Tender Details office address:Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department Division Belagavi,4. Web Site Address:wwe.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
M.I & GWDD Division, Belagavi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-2042/KSMCA/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, RR Nagara Zone, No.144, 2nd Main, Jagajyothi Layout, Bengaluru - 560056.

No: EE/KEN/TEND/18/2022-23 Date: 14-03-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (CALL-1)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of Works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Improvements to Drains and Roads in Ramjyothinagar and Surrounding Areas at Ward No. 130	200.00	3,00,000/-
2	Improvements to Drains and Roads in Ullal and Ullal Upanagara and Surrounding Areas at Ward No. 130	200.00	3,00,000/-
3	Improvements to Drains and Roads in Jnanabharathi Layout 1st Block & Surrounding Areas at Ward No. 130	200.00	3,00,000/-
4	Improvements to Drains and Roads in Cross Roads of Kalyani Layout & Surrounding Areas at Ward No. 130	200.00	3,00,000/-
5	Improvements to Drains and Roads in Cross Roads and Main Roads of RR Layout and Surrounding Areas at Ward No. 130	200.00	3,00,000/-

Calendar of Events: 1) The Tender Documents can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 16-03-2023, 4.00 PM. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **20-03-2023 at 3.00 PM. in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Ideal Homes, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone, Benglauru - 560098. 3)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **24-03-2023 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Date of Opening of Bids: **27-03-2023 at 11.00 AM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division, BBMP.

Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
Ph: 080-22215601, 22211246. Fax: 080-22215602

Tender No: DYES/SSH/177/2022-23 Dated: 14.03.2023

SHORT Re-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

According to Karnataka Transparency in public procurement act 1999 and Rules 2000 the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports is inviting tender For providing outsource Staff facility to Sports Hostel, Kudige, kodagu district.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Tender Amount	EMD Amount
1	Providing outsource staff facility to Sports hostel, Kudige, Kodagu district	Rs. 8,56,121/-	Rs.21,403/-

The Tender should be submitted through e-procurement portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Vendors need to register in the e-procurement portal to submit their bids online. The tender Document can be viewed free of cost from the E-procurement portal.

1) Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Documents through E-Procurement portal Date: 29.03.2023 time 16.00 Hrs. 2) Opening of Technical Bid Date: 30.03.2023 time 16.30 Hrs.

Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin) and
Tender Inviting Authority
Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports

DIPR/CP/5272/AKAR/2022-23

Inertia, intervention

Legislative inaction on social issues will legitimise judicial intervention

The Supreme Court's decision to refer to a Constitution Bench the issue of granting legal recognition to same-sex marriages can be seen as an important step towards ensuring gender equality, despite apprehension that it is encroaching on the legislative domain. Petitioners before the Court view the idea of giving of legal status for marriages between people belonging to the same sex as a natural consequence of the 2018 judgment decriminalising homosexuality. The government, however, contends that there is no need to depart from the heteronormative understanding of marriage. And even if there ought to be such a change, it must come from the legislature. The question before the Court is whether it should interpret provisions of marriage laws in India, especially the Special Marriage Act, 1954, as permitting marital unions between same-sex couples. The Act allows the solemnisation of a marriage between any two persons and is used by those who are unable to register their marriages under their respective personal laws. The Union government has argued that the decriminalisation of consensual relations between adults of the same sex has removed the stigma attached to homosexuality, but has not conferred the right of marriage. And that the state is entitled to limit its recognition to marriages involving heterosexual couples. There is no discrimination, it claims, in keeping same-sex couples out of the definition of marriage.

In terms of the equality norm, the central question is not very complicated. It can be recognised that no civil right available to married heterosexual couples ought to be denied to those who belong to the same gender. The incidental consequences on issues of property and succession may not pose insurmountable difficulties. The Centre's other argument, invoking religious norms and cultural values, against recognising same-sex marriages is weak and inadequate. It is futile to argue that it will undermine faith or rock societal values. The mere fact that many people consider marriage to be a sacrament or a holy union is not enough to deny equal status to the union of people of the same sex or to undermine its essential character as a social and economic contract. Whether the remedy ought to take the form of recognition of same-sex marriages, and, if so, whether it should be through judicial intervention or legislative action, is the question. That the legislature should be involved in bringing about far-reaching changes that may impact the personal laws of all religions is indeed an acceptable proposition. A responsive government that wants to treat this as a matter of policy and not cede space to the courts would act on its own to consider the right of any two people, regardless of gender, to marry or found a family. Legislative inaction on burning social issues will legitimise and invite judicial intervention.

Spin trouble

India has another shot at an ICC trophy after beating Australia

India's unassailable form in its cricketing backyard was reiterated once Rohit Sharma's men retained the Border Gavaskar Trophy with a 2-1 verdict in the recent four Test series against Australia. But the larger picture was the tussle for a berth in the World Test Championship (WTC) final at London's Oval from June 7. A clear margin of winning by two Tests was essential but the Aussies won at Indore and reduced the deficit while Ahmedabad's placid surface hinted at an inevitable run-soaked drawn encounter. Sri Lanka, the other contender, was in with a chance while Australia had already sealed its spot. Thankfully for India, a Kane Williamson master-class helped New Zealand secure a thrilling last-ball victory over Sri Lanka at Christchurch. Sri Lanka's loss proved to be a welcome bonus for India, which qualified immediately even as the Ahmedabad Test meandered towards a stalemate. Having lost to New Zealand in the 2021 final at Southampton, India's quest this time around was to first qualify and then to correct the ICC title drought within its cupboard at the BCCI office in Mumbai. India last won an ICC championship when it claimed the Champions Trophy at Birmingham in 2013. Subsequently both in Test whites and in the blue shade, India has failed in the knockout rounds.

The triumph against Australia should hold India in good stead, but when the rivals face off at a neutral venue in the WTC summit clash, there will be no designer spinning square. Tests ending within three days with pitches deteriorating from the first ball do not augur well for cricket's longest format. Ahmedabad with its five days of the game was an exception but when India travel abroad, it is pace that rules. With spearhead Jasprit Bumrah recovering from a surgery, there are some worries and the two Mohammeds – Shami and Siraj – besides Umesh Yadav, have to shore up the pace attack. Rohit, Virat Kohli and Cheteshwar Pujara were back among the runs during the latest series against Australia and with Shubman Gill revealing good form, there is hope that these batters can thrive at the Oval. Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja had a heap of wickets and it remains to be seen if India would field both or play just one in the WTC final. A lurking headache is that the core group of Rohit, Kohli, Pujara, Ashwin and Jadeja are in their mid-thirties and transition is inevitable. But before that there is the three-match ODI series against Australia followed by the Indian Premier League: India will fly to England in June.

Saudi-Iranian 'normalisation', challenges in West Asia

Talmiz Ahmad

is a former Ambassador to Saudi Arabia

The China-brokered deal affirms Beijing's role in West Asian affairs, posing new challenges for Indian diplomacy in the region

On March 10, 2023, Saudi Arabia and Iran, represented by their national security advisers, signed an agreement in Beijing, China, to re-establish diplomatic ties, respect each other's sovereignty and maintain non-interference in the other's domestic affairs. The agreement also reinstates two previous accords: one on security cooperation signed in 2001 and the other, going back to 1998, dealing with economic, technical, scientific and cultural ties. This agreement ends seven years of diplomatic estrangement between the two Gulf neighbours. During this period, they have confronted each other in proxy wars in Syria and Yemen, carried out media campaigns of extraordinary mutual hostility, often on sectarian basis, and have on occasion come close to direct conflict, particularly in 2019 when suspected Iranian agents attacked Saudi oil facilities.

China's Foreign Affairs head, Wang Yi, who brokered the agreement, described it as a "victory for dialogue, a victory for peace". The Saudi Foreign Minister said his country "favoured political solutions and dialogue", while his Iranian counterpart affirmed that his country was pursuing "the preparation of more regional steps". The accord has been welcomed across West Asia.

Run-up to the deal

There had been meetings of Saudi and Iranian officials in Baghdad and Muscat in 2021 and 2022, but perhaps little progress had been made in addressing issues that divide the two countries – the wars in Syria and Yemen, and Saudi concerns relating to Iran's mobilisation of Shia communities in the region against the Arab states.

However, these interactions had confirmed that the Arab states were prepared to pursue their interests without United States involvement. This was largely the result of increasing regional disenchantment with the U.S. as a security-provider, alongside strong messages from Washington that it was less enthusiastic about being the regional security-guarantor. The U.S.'s military failures in Iraq and Afghanistan contributed to its loss of credibility among its regional allies.

What regional states are seeking is not to disengage from the U.S. but to broaden their options and build alternative relationships to suit their interests. China is an attractive partner. It has substantial energy, trade, investment and technology-related ties with West Asia: it is the region's largest buyer of crude oil, a major trade and investment partner, and is also rapidly expanding its role as a technology-provider in most countries.

West Asia is also crucial for the realisation of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), with regional states being important for logistical connectivity, and investment, consultancy and contracting partnerships. China's interests obviously require a stable regional environment, but, till recently, China had been reluctant to engage itself with regional competitions and confrontations.

China's new approach in West Asia

About two years ago, Chinese academics began to signal changes in this approach: they indicated that China was looking at greater political involvement with the region on the basis of "quasi-mediation diplomacy" to promote its broad commercial, diplomatic and political interests rather than its hard security concerns. It recognised that many of the ongoing rivalries would not admit of quick resolutions. China was prepared to be content with managing these differences through diplomacy so that they did not escalate into conflict.

This was the message that President Xi Jinping conveyed to his Arab interlocutors during his three summits (bilateral, Gulf and Arab League) in Riyadh in December last year: the Chinese Foreign Office described the visit as "consolidating consensus on global governance, development, security and other crucial issues". The Saudi-Iran accord is the first manifestation of this new approach.

The agreement addresses the most serious regional confrontation – it reduces regional tensions and puts in place the bases for further dialogue on improving relations and engaging on contentious issues. Saudi-Iran differences will be difficult to resolve: they result from Saudi Arabia's deep sense of strategic vulnerability *vis-à-vis* its northern neighbour and concerns that might destabilise regional states through the use of Shia proxies. Iran will need to play a more pro-active role to assure its neighbour of its benign intentions, an effort that would gain credibility with China's active engagement with the two regional powers.

Diplomatic challenges

Regional security also needs the revival of the nuclear agreement, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), and linked with it, the management of Israel's aggressiveness. Soon after the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) had announced it had seen traces of uranium enrichment by Iran to 84%, just short of weapon's grade, the IAEA Director General, Rafael Grossi, visited Tehran in early March and obtained an Iranian agreement to allow verification and monitoring activities by IAEA's inspectors.

This has prepared the ground for renewed talks on the JCPOA, though doubts remain on whether the U.S.'s sharply polarised domestic scene will allow such an agreement which would dilute sanctions on Iran in the run-up to the American presidential elections. Israel's domestic politics, also deeply polarised and dominated by the extreme right wing, is also expected to obstruct the renewal of the JCPOA and maintain a hostile posture towards Iran.

Though serious problems remain with this accord, China has affirmed that its role in West Asian affairs is likely to get more active and substantial. This poses challenges for Indian diplomacy.

However, recognising that the management of its ties with China remains its diplomatic priority, India will need to engage with China in West Asia where they have a broad gamut of shared interests in energy security, free and open sea lanes, logistical connectivity, and, above all, regional stability. Here, they can work together to further mutual and regional interests.

A case for a better electricity public hearing

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In the crucial electricity sector, an online with in-person hearing mode would only boost public participation

The scale of operations of electricity distribution companies is clear from the fact that their annual revenue requirement is 20% of the Union Budget. It is natural that decisions on the planning and the operation of the power sector have a significant impact on the public.

Given such an impact, it is crucial that the citizen's voice is incorporated in a proper way in power sector decisions. Public hearings that are conducted by Electricity Regulatory Commissions (ERCs) provide a platform for this. However, restrictions on account of the COVID-19 pandemic took away this option, until online hearings emerged.

Now that the COVID-19 restrictions are behind us, is it best to revert to the old in-person mode? Or should we transition to the new online mode? The central ERC recently issued a public notice where it announced that hearings would resume through in-person mode. The ERCs in Tamil Nadu and Telangana have also reverted to in-person hearings. However, several State ERCs, including those in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, recently held public hearings entirely online.

It is no surprise that both these extremes have their pros and cons with regard to a citizen's participation in public hearings. We feel that a hybrid mode, with provisions for in-person as well as facilitated online participation, would be best suited to ensure quality public participation.

In-person as against online hearings

The most important and popular public hearing held by the ERC deals with tariff revision. When these hearings are held in-person, they do more than just provide a platform for citizens to voice their views to the ERC. They facilitate meaningful interactions and cross-learning between various sector actors, help to build consumer networks, and enable collective action. Given such deliberative involvement, the in-person process paves the way for consensus building and also lends enhanced credibility to decisions on complex matters. Understanding on issues such as the under-projecting distribution losses by inflating agricultural consumption and the need for scrutiny in power purchase contracts have been aided by such public engagement.

In addition to cost savings, a consumer's concerns with the quality of supply also get discussed and corrective measures evolve. Given this, many State ERCs, including those in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, have tried to increase access and diversify participation by organising tariff revision public hearings at different locations.

Steps such as making a local language summary of the tariff petition and consumer advocate services available to the public have also been undertaken in States such as Andhra Pradesh and Odisha for better engagement. Despite all these measures, issues such as distance, logistics of transport, or lack of financial support could hinder participation in the public hearing.

Online hearings were the only option during the COVID-19 pandemic. Courts and quasi-judicial bodies across the country, including those in the electricity sector, opted for such hearings. These hearings proved to be a welcome step, as they circumvented transport and logistics issues while enabling wider attendance from remote locations, and allowed for quick convening and multiple meetings, which could have aided the consultative process. However, conducting online hearings is not without its challenges. Technological access and know-how are not uniform across the country, making it difficult for some to participate. The ERC also has greater control of the platform in online hearings.

To enable smoother participation, ERCs have taken measures such as providing step-by-step guidelines and orientation sessions. In Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, ERCs have setup facilitation centres across the States for public participation. These ERCs also provide a live-streaming feature, which has helped improve access, visibility and transparency. Over the course of the last two years, significant infrastructure and experience toward online hearings have been built by institutions and individuals. But despite this, obstacles to participation persist and there is room for improvement in how online hearings are conducted. Issues such as poor Internet connections, technical mishaps, and the use of complex platforms and applications by ERCs hinder participation.

The best option

Public hearing is a major platform of social action, and participants not only speak to the ERC but also to each other and to the public. Enabling such discourse and community building and ensuring transparency and accountability in operations, besides improving access to these public proceedings are the steps needed.

Moving back to the pre-pandemic practice of only in-person hearings takes away a convenient avenue for consumer engagement, and impacts meaningful interactions that are possible in the in-person platform. However, the provision of online mode in addition to in-person hearings would strengthen public participation. This has been recognised by other institutions such as the National Green Tribunal, which provides an e-hearing facility in addition to the in-person hearing.

Public hearings conducted in hybrid mode, with the choice of mode being left to the citizen, are best suited to improving access. When in-person and online options are operationalised together, they plug access gaps, provide flexibility of participation to the citizen, and enable a robust avenue for public participation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parliament disrupted

The aggressive attitude taken by the BJP in Parliament demanding an apology from Rahul Gandhi for allegedly 'defaming the country in a foreign land' seems fishy. It has been the contention of the ruling party that the Prime Minister and the government he leads have been instrumental in India gaining its due respect and recognition on the world stage. If that is true, is the reputation and recognition created by nine years of 'tireless hard work' by the top leader and his entire machinery so weak that it can be defamed by the mere talk of a single individual over a few days? It appears that the government seems to be happy to have Parliament being disrupted and Bills being pushed through without any worthwhile discussion on legislative matters or issues of public importance. The ruling party should be made accountable on the floor of the House.

M.D. Ravikanth,
Chennai

Introspecting on the win

Is it just a coincidence that Bomman, one of the protagonists of the Oscar-winning *The Elephant Whisperers*, has the story replaying as far as he is concerned? That he has been tasked with looking after two more orphaned baby elephants of a herd where the adults were electrocuted in Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu, recently? (Inside pages, March 14).

This development only highlights the dangers young elephants are facing now with adult elephants falling to illegal electrical fencing accidents, forest fires and even encroachments. While being one with the forests — like Bellie and Bomman from the documentary — cannot be a way of life for most of us, the least we could do is be a little more mindful of our consumption. Our increasing demands invariably encroach upon the lives of wild animals and threaten their very existence.

Sara A. Haris,
Kochi, Kerala

The write-up on the 'unglamorous life' of Bomman and Bellie was a touching one. The couple, as elephant saviours, has brought fame to India. They may even become the unsung ambassadors of tourism in India. Far from the glitzy Oscar awards, they continue to lead a quiet and simple rustic life, taking care of baby elephants as if they are their own. It is for the government to recognise their immense contribution to conservation and reward them well as they have played a significant but quiet part in letting the world know the story of abandoned or lost calves.

C.G. Kuriakose,
Kothamangalam, Kerala

I disagree with the reader/letter writer from Lalgudi, Tamil Nadu (Letters to the Editor, March 14). The reader has appreciated the Oscar award to *The Elephant Whisperers*, but is upset about the award for *RRR*'s '*Naatu Naatu*'. Yes, *The Elephant Whisperers* has beautifully portrayed the connection between man and animal, but '*Naatu Naatu*' is complete entertainment that is being enjoyed by me and my friends sitting in Haryana as well as people all across the country. So, let us enjoy the moment.

Kshitiz Bhardwaj,
Maheshwari, Rewari, Haryana

To dismiss the Oscar for the '*Nattu Nattu*' song as a visual delight without substance amounts to discrediting one of the best produced choreography tracks ever.

A.V. Narayanan,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

Business group and probe

Not a day passes without some report or other about the alleged opaque transactions of the Adani Group. We have been told SEBI is in the process of initiating a probe and that volatility in stocks has not affected the financial system. But baffling and bewildering is the level of debt exposure to the Life Insurance Corporation of India. One hopes there are answers and the caravan does not move on quietly.

Mani Nataraajan,
Chennai

Letters emailed to letters@thehindu.co.in must carry the full postal address.

What are India's immediate growth prospects?

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The National Statistical Office (NSO), on February 28, 2023, released a set of new numbers pertaining to annual and quarterly national income for 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23. This new dataset provides an opportunity to make a final assessment of COVID-19's adverse impact on India's GDP growth.

Recovery since pre-COVID year

As per NSO's second advance estimate (SAE), India suffered a contraction of (-) 5.7% in 2020-21 which is much lower than its first advance estimate (FAE) at (-) 7.7%. In this revision, the three sectors which benefited the most were manufacturing, construction, and financial, real estate et al. Real GDP during this COVID-19 year amounted to ₹136.9 lakh crore, higher than the ₹134.4 lakh crore assessed earlier. Since then, GDP grew by 9.1% in 2021-22 and 7% in 2022-23. Comparing the current real GDP level at ₹159.7 lakh crore, the compound annual average growth rate between 2019-20 and 2022-23 was 3.2%. It may be noted that some countries including China, Bangladesh and Vietnam had a positive growth even in the COVID-19-affected year of 2020.

Sector-wise, while overall GVA in 2022-23 is higher by 11.3% as compared to 2019-20, one sector – mining and quarrying – still shows a contraction at (-) 0.3%. Trade, hotels, transport et al also show a weak growth of 4.3%. Sectors showing a higher-than-average increase include construction at 18.6%, manufacturing at 14.8%, financial, real estate et al at 14.3% and agriculture at 12%. From the viewpoint of aggregate expenditure, overall increase in real GDP is 10% with government final consumption expenditure (GFCE) growing at 7.4%. Gross fixed capital formation and private final consumption expenditure (PFCE) show an increase of 17.7% and 13.1%, respectively.

The gross fixed capital formation to GDP ratio in nominal terms is 29.2% in 2022-23 as compared to 28.6% in 2019-20. The corresponding real investment rates are 34% and 31.8%, respectively. The difference in real and nominal rates is due to the differential inflation rates of capital goods vis-à-vis overall GDP. Thus, in real terms, there is more improvement in the investment rate. Accordingly, the estimated incremental capital output ratio (ICOR) was at 8.5 in 2019-20 as compared to 4.9 in 2022-23. This is because the 2019-20 GDP growth rate was rather low at 3.7% reflecting considerable unutilised capacity. The average capacity utilisation ratio in the manufacturing sector was only 70.3% in 2019-20, having fallen from 75.2% in 2018-19. In the first half of 2022-23, the capacity utilisation ratio is higher at 73.5%. While the gross fixed capital formation rate has picked up whether measured in real or nominal terms, the subdued growth implies a lower capacity utilisation and a higher ICOR.

In Q3 of 2022-23, real GDP growth was at 4.4%, falling from 6.3% in Q2 and 13.2% in Q1. However, this decline in growth rate is in line with the projections made by the Reserve Bank of India earlier. It would now require a growth of 5.1% in Q4 to enable reaching an annual growth of 7% in 2022-23. This appears feasible as most high frequency indicators point towards an improved economic activity. PMI manufacturing in January and February 2023 at 55.4 and 55.3, respectively, remained above its long-term average at 53.7. PMI services increased from 57.2 in January 2023 to a near 12-year high of 59.4 in February 2023. Core IIP showed a growth of 7.8% in January 2023, increasing from 7% in December 2022. Credit growth was also high at 16.1% in the week ending February 10, 2023. Monthly credit data, however, indicate a high credit growth only with respect to personal loans. Industrial credit growth was at a seven-month low. A higher quarterly growth in Q4 appears feasible because of a favourable base effect since growth was subdued in the corresponding quarter of the previous year at 4%.

Sector-wise, in Q3 of 2022-23, manufacturing showed a contraction at (-) 1.1% while public administration, defence et al showed a weak growth at 2%. On the expenditure side, GFCE contracted by (-) 0.8% while PFCE showed a weak growth at 2.1%. The contribution of net exports to real GDP growth was (-) 0.2% points, improving from (-) 3.4% points and (-) 3.1% points, respectively, in the previous two quarters. Thus, the growth rate in Q3 and the expected growth rate in Q4 are quite decidedly low. From a normal base, growth is yet to pick up to the desired level.

Implications for growth

Given the anticipated global economic slowdown, India's 2023-24 growth is likely to remain lower than the growth rate of its preceding year of 7%. The RBI has projected a growth of 6.4% for 2023-24. The International Monetary Fund, on the other hand, has projected a lower growth of 6.1%. NSO's data revisions indicate a lowering of the negative contribution of net exports in 2022-23 to (-) 1.9% points as per the SAE from (-)2.8% points in the FAE. If fiscal stimulus is continued, injected largely through capital expenditures as envisaged in the 2023-24 Union budget, we may come closer to the RBI's growth estimate. However, with elections round the corner, there may be pressure to increase revenue expenditures. This might lead to a growth rate closer to 6%. Any stimulus for growth should be undertaken while adhering to the fiscal consolidation road map so as to keep India's medium-term story intact. A steady growth of 6% to 7% can be ensured over the medium term, only if the fixed capital formation rate is raised by another 2 percentage points. This is notwithstanding the global factors that are not encouraging.

Any stimulus for growth should be undertaken while adhering to the fiscal consolidation road map so as to keep India's medium-term story intact

A Lokayukta raid and after

The BJP is on the back foot after the Madal episode

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On his most recent visit to poll-bound Karnataka last Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi conspicuously steered clear of any mention of the issue of corruption. In the southern district of Mandya, in his address following the inauguration of the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway, the emphasis was on infrastructure and development. The Prime Minister talked of how he was busy "building the expressway and making the lives of the poor easy" while the Congress was busy "digging Modi's grave." In the northern district of Dharwad, on the same day, he argued that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had "insulted" social reformer Basaveshwara "by raising questions about Indian democracy in London." Basaveshwara, credited with creating a democratic space for dialogue called 'Anubhava Mantapa' in the 12th century, is also an icon of the Lingayat community, which has been a strong vote base of the BJP.

This was in contrast to the tenor of Home Minister Amit Shah's speech on February 23. In Ballari in north Karnataka, which earned notoriety for illegal mining scam during the first independent term of the BJP in Karnataka, Mr. Shah urged people to "trust Prime Minister Narendra Modi and B.S. Yediyurappa [former Chief Minister] once. "We [BJP] will give such a government that it will rid Karnataka of corruption and make it a number one State in south India within five years," he said.

During an earlier visit on February 27 to the north Karnataka town of Belagavi, Mr.

Modi had said that the direct benefit transfer system had rooted out corruption. In the period between his February and March visits, Karnataka has been hit by yet another corruption scandal. On March 3, the son of BJP MLA Madal Virupakshappa, Prashanth Madal, was caught red-handed by the Lokayukta, the anti-corruption watchdog of the State, accepting a bribe of ₹40 lakh, allegedly on behalf of his father who was chairman of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited. In subsequent raids, officials recovered about ₹8 crore cash. The MLA, who went incommunicado for five days after the incident, made an appearance after securing interim anticipatory bail from the Karnataka High Court. He got a rousing reception in his constituency, Channagiri, in central Karnataka and told reporters that "any average areca grower in Channangiri keeps ₹2.5 crore to ₹3 crore at his residence."

This episode has hugely embarrassed the BJP, though Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has been arguing that the sequence of events only shows that Lokayukta, an institution weakened by the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government, has been given teeth by the incumbent BJP government. The Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister, J.C. Madhuswamy, openly admitted that the raid was an embarrassment to the State government.

Corruption allegations are not new to the ruling dispensation. The most debated among them has been the Karnataka State Contractors Association's allegation that no contracts are awarded and no bills cleared in Karnataka without a "40% commission." The Association had complained to Mr. Modi, among others, in July 2021, and has got no response to date. Though the suicide of a contractor, after implicating the then Panchayat Raj Minister K.S. Eshwarappa, had escalated the issue, the government has sought "proof" of corruption every time the question has been raised. On the other hand, the office-bearers of the Contractors' Association were arrested and later released on bail following a defamation case filed by Horticulture Minister Muniratna.

The BJP government has been countering every corruption allegation by not so much as denying it but by retorting that it is Congress that is the "Gangotri of corruption." But it is on the back foot at the moment with the Madal episode, which the Opposition has been pitching as evidence of the "40% commission" practice. The drama, with visuals of sacks of cash being taken away by Lokayukta officials, and the brazen justification of the MLA later, have not been easy to erase.

How this plays out in public perception – from now to the time when Karnataka goes to the polls in May – is hard to predict. Whether the BJP can bank on the overarching public cynicism that "all parties/politicians are alike" on the issue of corruption and deflect attention to other things, a craft the party is quite the master of, is something to watch for.

Europe picks up more arms even as global weapon imports drop

Ukraine was the world's third-largest importer of arms in 2022

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team, Agencies

European countries increased imports of major weaponry by 47% between 2013-17 and 2018-2022 even as the global volume of international arms transfers fell by 5.1%. If only those European states in the U.S.-led NATO alliance are considered, the increase in arms imports was 65% in the same period.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine last year has prompted European countries to rush to bolster their defenses. "Even as arms transfers have declined globally, those to Europe have risen sharply due to the tensions between Russia and most other European states," Pieter D. Wezeman, Senior Researcher with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), said in a statement. SIPRI defines major arms as aircraft, warships, tanks, artillery, missiles and various heavy defence systems.

Chart 1 shows arms imports of select European nations using SIPRI's Trend Indicator Values (TIVs) expressed in millions. It shows the import data for five time periods: 1998-2002, 2003-2007, 2008-2012, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

The SIPRI TIV is a measure of the volume of international transfers of major arms. The TIV is based on the known unit production costs of a core set of weapons and is intended to represent the transfer of military resources rather than the financial value of the transfer. This data is intended to provide a common unit to allow the measurement of trends in the flow of arms to particular countries and regions over time.

As seen in Chart 1, in many European countries such as the Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, France, Belgium, Serbia, Belarus and Lithuania, the arms imports in 2018-2022 is the highest across all periods considered. In other nations such as the U.K., Poland, Romania, Germany and Sweden, arms imports in the latest period are at least higher than the previous five-year period (2013-2017).

The chart also shows a sharp spike in Ukraine's arms imports from the U.S. and Europe in the latest period. This makes it the world's third largest importer of arms in 2022. Notably, from 1991, when Ukraine became independent amid the fall of the Soviet Union, until the end of 2021, Ukraine imported fewer major arms.

While Europe's share in global volume of arms transfers increased significantly, the share of West Asia, Americas and Asia and Oceania decreased marginally in the last five years. Africa's share decreased significantly in the period. **Chart 2** shows the region-wise share of arms imports in the last two five-year periods.

SIPRI's data also shows that U.S. arms exports increased by 14% between 2013-17 and 2018-22, and Washington accounted for 40% of global arms exports in 2018-22.

Meanwhile, Russia's arms exports fell by 31% between the two periods, and its share of global arms exports decreased from 22% to 16%, while France's share increased from 7.1% to 11%.

The export of arms has long been dominated by the U.S. and Russia with the two countries being the largest and second-largest arms exporters for the past three decades as shown in **Chart 3**. However, the gap between them has been widening significantly, while the gap between Russia and the third-largest arms supplier, France, has narrowed. The think-tank said it was likely that the invasion of Ukraine will further limit Russia's arms exports due to Moscow's need to prioritise supplying its own armed forces and the low demand from other states due to trade sanctions.

SIPRI, established in 1966, is an independent international institute dedicated to research of conflict, armaments, arms control and disarmament.

Weapons sales surge

The charts are sourced from Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)'s latest report titled "Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2022"

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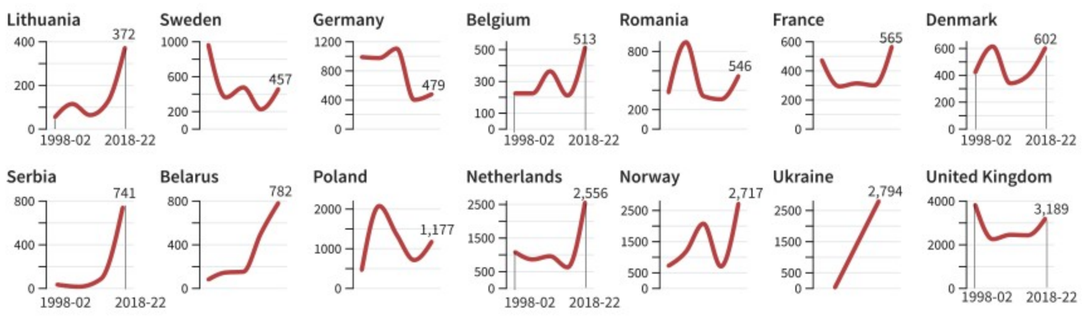

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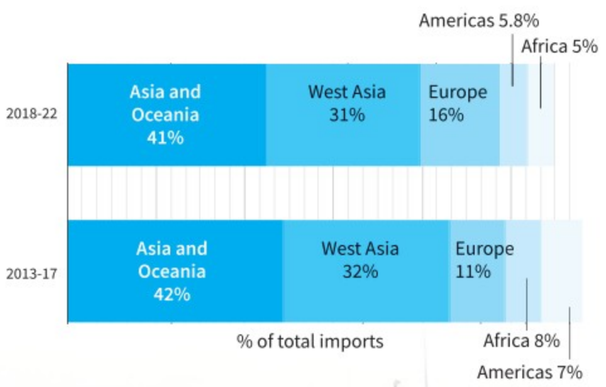
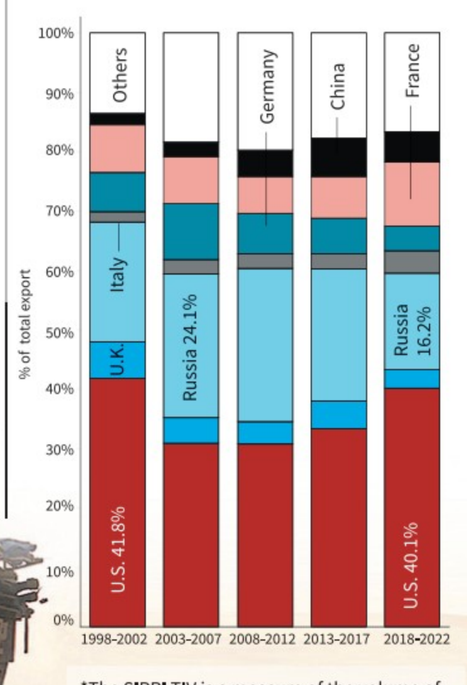


Chart 3: Chart shows the share of global arms exports among select countries. The export has long been dominated by the U.S. and Russia



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FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 15, 1973

Maharashtra agrees to give water to Mysore

Bangalore, March 14: Maharashtra has agreed to the Mysore request for 6,000 cusecs of the Koyna waters to help relieve drinking water shortage along the Krishna basin in Mysore. In return, Mysore is to supply about Rs. 11 lakhs worth of electricity to Maharashtra. The barter deal, the second in about a year, was arrived at in Bombay yesterday, at a meeting the Mysore Minister of State for Major Irrigation, Mr. H.N. Nanje, and his colleague in charge of Power. According to the agreement, the Koyna waters will be let into the Krishna river in the Mysore territory and the water will be used for drinking purposes benefiting hundreds of villages along the river banks. The river had been practically dry for want of rains. The Koyna waters are expected to last till early June, till the onset of the next monsoon. The Mysore Government is expected to ensure that the waters are not used for any purpose other than drinking. It was also understood that Mysore would make available electricity in return in a phased manner, having regard to its own present difficult power position caused by the drop in the level of the Linganamakki (Sharavathi) reservoir. Last year, a similar barter deal between the two States had been entered into. While Mysore supplied power to Maharashtra in return for Koyna waters (used for power generation), the State had not been able to fully utilise the waters for drinking purposes owing to a number of hurdles. In a reference to the "mysterious" appearance of water in the Krishna river, last week, after a dry spell in the Mysore stretch of the river, a Government spokesman said there could be no mystery. The fact is that Maharashtra itself had allowed the flow of the Koyna waters into the river for the benefit of the villages along the banks in its own territory.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MARCH 15, 1923

Miss Jean Norris

Calcutta, March 14: The only woman stupendiary Magistrate in the world, Miss Jean Norris is amongst the American tourists in Calcutta. She had taken four months leave in order to study the administration of justice in various parts of the world. She was invited to take seat on the bench with two Mahomedan Judges at Cairo, sat on Bench in Bombay and will visit Calcutta High Court to-day.

From Page One

SC to hear Telangana's plea against Governor

"The Bill must be returned together with a message requesting the Houses to reconsider it or any provisions in it and rethink the desirability of introducing any such amendments," the petition highlighted Article 200 of the Constitution. The Governor would not withhold assent once the Houses reiterate the amendments.

The State trained the spotlight on how under Article 163 the Governor is not "expected to act independently".

"The Governor is required to exercise his functions or any of them in his discretion only on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers with the Chief Minister heading it," the petition said.

The Bills pending the Governor's assent for months include the Azamabad Industrial Area (Termination and Regulation of Leases) (Amendment) Bill, 2022; The Telangana Municipal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022; The Telangana Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) (Amendment) Bill, 2022; The University of Forestry Telangana Bill, 2022; The Telangana Universities Common Recruitment Board Bill, 2022; The Telangana Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2022; The Telangana State Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2022; The Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (Amendment) Bill, 2023; The Telangana Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2023; and The Telangana Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

Khan's arrest imminent; police, supporters clash

The Islamabad High Court is set to hear his party's appeal against the warrant on Wednesday.

Mr. Khan's video message was released by his party – the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) – on social media as police arrived at his Zaman Park residence to arrest him. Police fired tear gas and used water cannons to disperse Mr. Khan's supporters, who pelted policemen with stones.

In the video, Mr. Khan said: "They think that after my arrest, the nation will fall asleep. You have to prove them wrong."

"God has given me everything, and I am fighting this battle for you. I have been fighting this battle all my life, and I will continue to do so... If something happens to me and I am sent to jail or if I am killed, you have to prove that you will struggle without Imran Khan and not accept the slavery of these thieves and of the one person who has been making decisions for the country," the 70-year-old leader said.

Multiple venues

Soon after his speech, protests broke out in Islamabad, Peshawar, Karachi, Faisalabad, Sargodha, Vehari, Peshawar, Quetta, and Mianwali.

Mr. Khan has been in the crosshairs for buying gifts, including an expensive Graff wristwatch he had received as the Premier at a discounted price from the state depository called Toshakhana, and selling them for profit.

A senior police officer of the Islamabad police said his team had come to Lahore to arrest the PTI chief in the Toshakhana case.

TV footage showed police slowly approaching the Zaman Park residence behind an armoured vehicle that was dispersing his supporters with a water cannon.

Mr. Khan's supporters, who had covered their faces with pieces of cloth, threw stones at policemen. Both PTI supporters and policemen were injured in the clashes.

TTE loses his job for urinating on woman

Railway police with an off-duty TTE after he was arrested on the charge of urinating on a passenger. PTI

PTI quoted the police as saying that the TTE was under the influence of alcohol. The woman and her husband had adjacent berths, while the ticket examiner was on a berth a little away in the same coach. After she sounded an alarm, fellow passengers nabbed Munna Kumar.

The woman's husband has lodged a complaint with the Government Railway Police at Charbag in Lucknow. Munna Kumar has been arrested and sent to judicial custody on charges of assault and sexual harassment.

At the time of the incident, the train was nearing Akbarpur in Uttar Pradesh.

The termination letter issued by Northern Railways to Mr. Kumar and tweeted by the Railways Minister, stated, "Your conduct showing disrespect for women construes a serious misconduct, in the process bringing disrepute not only to your own self but entire Railways as an organisation. Taking cognisance of this grave matter, I consider it to be a fit case to adopt the provision of Rule 14 (ii)... and deem it fit to impose the punishment of removal from service with immediate effect for behaviour unbecoming of a railway servant."

RBI has permitted banks from 18 countries to trade in rupee: Centre

The central bank granted nod to domestic and foreign authorised dealer banks in 60 cases for opening special vostro accounts for settling payment in rupee, says Minister in the Rajya Sabha in response to a question by a BJP member

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NEW DELHI

Banks from 18 countries have been permitted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to open special vostro rupee accounts (SVRAs) for settling payments in Indian rupees, the government told the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

In response to a question from Sushil Kumar Modi of the BJP, Union Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad said the SVRAs could be set up by banks of partner countries by approaching authorised dealer (AD) banks in India that may get permission from the RBI after the due procedure.

Trade in local currencies have been mooted as a solution to avoid the current wave of wartime international sanctions.

Mr. Karad informed that as per records, the RBI had granted approval to "domestic and foreign AD Banks in 60 cases for opening SRVAs of banks from 18 nations – Botswana, Fiji, Germany, Guyana, Israel, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Myanmar, New Zealand, Oman, Russia, the Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda and the United Kingdom".

Of the 18 countries mentioned in Mr. Karad's response, Russia has been vocal in using trade in local currency for the overall process of "de-dollarisation". But India has been supporting the idea of trade in local currency mainly to boost exports.

The process of SVRAs began in July 2022 when the RBI announced that, "it has been decided to put in place an additional arrangement for invoicing, payment, and settlement of exports/imports in INR [Indian rupees]".

The announcement came against the backdrop of the commodities crisis triggered by the Western sanctions against Russia after President Vladimir Putin launched the "special military operation" against Ukraine in February 2022. Trade in local currencies have been mooted as a solution to avoid the current wave of wartime international sanctions that are hampering supply chains and global trade flows.

In the past one year, India has finalised trade pacts with partner countries such as the UAE and Australia and begun negotiation with others such as the U.K. and the EU while making inroads for the national currency in bilateral and global trade.

"RBI has also issued FAQs on its website. RBI has clarified matters related to operationalisation of SRVAs through the said FAQs, which are available to banks, importers and exporters," Mr. Karad said in the Rajya Sabha.

Lakhimpur Kheri case trial pace not slow, says SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday remarked that the trial in the Lakhimpur Kheri killings case, in which Union Minister Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra is an accused, is not "slow-paced".

A Bench led by Justice Surya Kant extended the eight-week interim bail granted to Mr. Mishra on January 25, while noting that it was getting regular reports from the trial judge.

"We might withdraw when the proceedings tend to continue in a smooth and uninterrupted manner... Right now, we are having indirect supervision of the trial. It is required," the Bench observed orally. It listed the case for May 16.

India first responder in disaster relief, says Gen. Chauhan

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India has emerged as the first responder in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) efforts at the global level, said Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan in his virtual message to a workshop on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief as part of India's chairmanship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

"By strengthening multilateral partnerships through engagement via regional mechanisms, improved interoperability, and faster response, we have played our role as the first responder in the region," Gen. Chauhan said.

The workshop organised under the aegis of Integrated Defence Staff on Tuesday was attended by speakers from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Belarus, Mongolia, Pakistan and China along with a speaker from Russia in the virtual mode, a Defence Ministry statement said.

Gen. Chauhan said that India had been playing an important role in providing HADR in rescue operations during earthquake in Nepal, assistance to Sri Lanka in 2016 during Cyclone Roanu, earthquake in Indonesia in 2018, flooding in Madagascar in January 2020, supply of vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent earthquake in Turkey.

SC dismisses Centre's plea seeking more money from Union Carbide

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed the government's curative petition for additional compensation from the Union Carbide Corporation (UCC) to pay the victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy as an attempt which came 39 years too late after what came to be known as "the world's largest industrial disaster".

The Constitution Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul said any attempt to enhance the compensation should have been made in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy and not three decades later.

The top court said the Union of India, as a "welfare state", showed "gross negligence" by not "making good the deficiency" by taking out a relevant insurance policy for the victims.

Justice Kaul, reading out the unanimous verdict of the five-judge Bench, said the Centre's curative petition for a "top-up" of the $470-million (about ₹725 crore at the then exchange rate) compensation fixed in a 1989 settlement reached with the imprimatur of the Supreme Court, had "no foundation in any known legal principle". The settlement was final, the court noted.

It explained that the settlement reached with the UCC, now a wholly owned subsidiary of Dow Chemicals, could be set aside only if it was found invalid or based on fraud. The government had based its claim for additional funds of ₹675.96 crore from the pesticide company on neither grounds.

It referred to the UCC's own allegation that neither the Union nor the State of Madhya Pradesh had taken steps to "proactively detoxify or decommission the site" in the aftermath of the fatal escape of methyl isocynate (MIC) gas in the intervening night of December 2-3, 1984.

The basis of the $470 million settlement reached on May 4, 1989, was that there were only around 3,000 death cases in the incident. The government's curative petition in 2010 said the actual figure was 5,295.

The court noted that even if the number of victims had risen over the years, there was still an "excess amount" available to satisfy their claims.

"A sum of ₹50 crore lying with the Reserve Bank of India shall be utilised by the Union of India to set aside pending claims," the court directed.

18 Afghans attended MEA course, says IIM-Kozhikode

The Hindu Bureau
KOZHIKODE

The Indian Institute of Management-Kozhikode (IIM-K) on Tuesday said 18 participants from Afghanistan attended the sessions on the first day of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme of the External Affairs Ministry through the online mode.

The institute, in a press release, said it "has no role whatsoever in the selection of these candidates nor the knowledge of their political affiliations".

This comes in the wake of a news report carried by *The Hindu* on Tuesday that Afghan nationals, including Taliban officials, would be attending the course. Afghan students in India who have been denied visas by New Delhi for two years strongly objected to it. IIM officials clarified that the ITEC programme was for delegates/participants from the public/private sector from foreign countries. The participants or the countries for the ITEC programme are selected by the Ministry.

The e-ITEC programme "Immersing with Indian thoughts" is being conducted from March 14 to 17. On the first day, participants from Afghanistan, Thailand and the Maldives joined virtually.

U.S. Ambassadorial nominee Eric Garcetti nears final hurdle before confirmation

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NEW DELHI

The confirmation of U.S. Ambassadorial nominee to India, Eric Garcetti, into its final stages on Tuesday, with the U.S. Senate scheduled to consider a "cloture motion", the final step before a full Senate vote that would allow him to take up his assignment in New Delhi.

The vote will come just three months before a proposed state visit to the U.S. by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June. If he clears the cloture motion and the Senate vote, expected later on Wednesday, Mr. Garcetti would have his task cut out for him from the moment he arrives in India.

Ahead of the cloture motion, that would, if passed, block all further attempts by the U.S. Opposition to reopen the allegations against him and other "filibuster" attempts, Mr. Garcetti faced another round of criticism over his previous record as the Mayor of Los Angeles.

China links

Amid a series of allegations that he did not prevent his chief aide, Rick Jacobs, from sexually harassing a number of employees, came a new allegation, carried by right-wing news portal *Daily Caller*, that Mr. Garcetti had close links with Chinese officials believed to be involved in "influence operations", including those belonging to the Chinese Communist Party's "United Front Works Department" (UFWD).

Eric Garcetti

In 2021, after investigations about the UFWD projects in India, the Union Home Ministry had put them in the "Prior Reference Category", banning funding by the organisation.

On Monday night, leading CNN TV network anchor Jake Tapper also broadcast an interview with Mr. Garcetti's former Communications Director Naomi Seligman.

Ms. Seligman accused Mr. Garcetti of inaction over Mr. Jacobs' alleged abusive behaviour, and said she had testified against Mr. Garcetti being posted to India, during the U.S. Senate investigation on the matter, and called him "unfit" to lead the embassy and consulates in India, which employ about 2,000 personnel .

The allegations have held up Mr. Garcetti's posting since July 2021, when he was first nominated by U.S. President Joseph Biden, and although he was cleared by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in January 2022, his confirmation vote was never brought to the Senate, and subsequently lapsed.

In January 2023, Mr. Biden renominated Mr. Garcetti, after the Democrats won a 51-49 lead in the Senate.

U.S. officials say they are hopeful of clearing the vote in the Senate this time around. However, given the deep political differences over Mr. Garcetti's nomination, they will need to ensure every ruling party Senator votes for Mr. Garcetti.

While both the External Affairs Ministry and the U.S. State Department officials have stressed that the absence of a U.S. Ambassador has not hampered bilateral relations, this is the longest such period without an American Ambassador in New Delhi. Former Ambassador Kenneth Juster resigned in January 2021.

Cabinet Secretary convenes meet on steps for summer

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

An expert committee would monitor and mitigate 'terminal heat stress' in wheat during the season

Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba on Tuesday chaired a meeting with secretaries and top officials of multiple Ministries to ascertain the country's preparedness for the summer season.

Earlier this month, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast that "above normal" temperatures were likely over northeast, eastern, central and northwest India between March and May. While no "heatwaves" are expected in March, temperatures are likely to be two to three degrees Celsius above normal in some parts of the Indo-Gangetic Plain and eastern India during the last week of the month.

Agriculture Ministry officials said they were expecting 112.18 tonnes of wheat to be produced this year – a new record. An expert committee would monitor and mitigate "terminal heat stress" in wheat. This refers to elevated temperatures damaging the crop during its crucial growth stage.

The Health Ministry said that a National Action Plan on heat-related illnesses had described the risks from heatwaves, illnesses and guidelines to manage it. The States have been advised to review health facility preparedness in terms of essential medicines, intravenous fluids, ice packs, oral rehydration solutions and drinking water.

APPEAL

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Row over Rahul speech disrupts Parliament

For the second consecutive day, the Treasury benches demanded an apology from the Congress leader, while the Opposition held placards of Modi's quotes from his foreign visits in protest and called for a JPC probe into the Adani Group controversy; both Houses were adjourned over disruptions

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

For the second consecutive day on Tuesday, both Houses of Parliament were disrupted over Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's remarks in London that Indian democracy is in peril.

While the Treasury benches demanded an apology from Mr. Gandhi, the Opposition hit back and demanded a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) investigation on the Adani Group-Hindenburg Research issue.

As soon as the Lok Sabha assembled for the day, BJP MPs began raising slogans demanding an apology from Mr. Gandhi, while the Congress-led Opposition waved placards demanding a JPC on the Adani issue. "Rahul Gandhi *maafi maango* (Rahul Gandhi apologise)," the BJP members shouted repeatedly from their seats.

The Opposition remained in the aisle and waved placards with their JPC demand. Some of the placards featured quotes from speeches made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visits abroad.

"*Pata nahi pehle janam main kya paap kiya tha*, Hindustan *main paida hua* (don't know what sin I had committed that I was born in India)," read a placard, quoting the Prime Minister's speech in Seoul in May 2015.

At this, Speaker Om Birla asked the Opposition not to show placards and let the House function. He also tried to take up the Question Hour.

In a logjam: Rajya Sabha was adjourned in less than 15 minutes after reconvening post lunch on Tuesday. ANI

After the resumption of the Lok Sabha at 2 p.m., papers and standing committee reports were presented amid sloganeering and the House was adjourned for the day in seven minutes.

Similar scenes were witnessed in the Rajya Sabha. Leader of the House and Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal reiterated his position that the House should condemn the speech allegedly tarnishing the country's image by "one Opposition leader".

The Opposition questioned this and its members rushed to the Well of the House. They demanded a discussion on the Adani Group controversy following the Hindenburg Research report. They also urged Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar to consider a notice for Privilege Motion moved by senior Congress MP Shaktisinh Gohil against Mr. Goyal.

The Opposition also asked Mr. Dhankhar what decision he had taken on various adjournment motions they had moved. Mr. Dhankhar said he would not allow them.

He rejected Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam MP P. Wilson's adjournment motion against the delay by the Tamil Nadu Governor in signing certain Bills passed by the State Assembly. Communist Party of India (CPI) leader Binoy Viswam's motion for a discussion on post-poll violence in Tripura was also rejected.

Even as the session began, members of the Treasury benches were on their feet, shouting slogans and demanding an apology from Mr. Gandhi, drowning out the voice of Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, who rose to move Supplementary Demands for Grants to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in 2022-23.

The Upper House was adjourned in less than 15 minutes after reconvening post lunch.

Cong. cites Modi's remarks abroad at Dhankhar meet

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Countering the BJP's narrative that former Congress president Rahul Gandhi had insulted the country on foreign soil, the Congress at a meeting chaired by Rajya Sabha Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday listed six instances when Prime Minister Narendra Modi had spoken "against" the country while on his trips abroad as Prime Minister.

Mr. Dhankhar had called a meeting of the floor leaders to deliberate on a point of order raised by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday, citing rulings by the previous Chairpersons in 1967 and 1983 prohibiting members from making "allegations and charges against members of the other House".

Congress MP Shaktisinh Gohil on Tuesday moved a breach of privilege notice against the Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha, Piyush Goyal, who, without naming Mr. Gandhi, had said that a "Lok Sabha MP" had denigrated Parliament and other Constitutional institutions, and sought an apology.

'A critical issue'

Mr. Dhankhar had reserved his ruling in both cases and had invited floor leaders of all parties to discuss them. While speaking in the House, Mr. Dhankhar said, "This is a critical issue because it will define what we can debate and what we can't debate."

During the meeting, sources said, the Congress's Deputy Leader in the Rajya Sabha, Pramod Tiwari, reportedly cited the Prime Minister's comments made during his trip to China and Seoul in 2015, where Mr. Modi had reportedly said that "earlier people were ashamed of being born an Indian but now they felt proud to represent the country". Sources said that the Trinamool Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party steered clear of the argument.

BJP says Rahul's attendance in House is 'below average'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Tuesday kept up its aggressive focus on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and his remarks during his tour of the U.K.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur launched a scathing attack on Mr. Gandhi pointing out that the latter has been absent from Parliament so far, while going "all over the world" saying that he was not being allowed to speak.

Mr. Thakur said Mr. Gandhi's attendance in Parliament was way below the average attendance of any MP in the country.

"Rahul*ji* should immediately come to the House and apologise to fellow members, and not just that, but also apologise to the armed forces," he said.

Mr. Thakur alleged that the previous UPA government had employed surveillance and Mr. Gandhi had disregard for his own party's government.

"He talks of Pegasus, I would say the Pegasus is in his mind. If he can recall, there was a serious bugging attempt on then Finance Minister in the UPA government, late Pranab Mukherjee," he said.

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey on his part demanded that Rule 56 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business be invoked, with all other businesses being suspended, to discuss Mr. Gandhi's conduct.

"All his behaviour, including asking that Western powers interfere in our internal issues, challenging the Honourable Speaker since he said his microphone was being switched off in the Lok Sabha – a power that is only with the Speaker, and his unrestrained comments on Prime Minister Narendra Modi should be discussed. All of this must be discussed and ways found to terminate Mr. Gandhi's membership," he said.

The BJP is expected to keep up the attack for the foreseeable future, according to party sources.

Congress steps up campaign against Modi government over Adani row

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday not only persisted with its demand for a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) investigation into the charges against the Adani Group but also stepped up its attack by circulating a social media video of party leader Rahul Gandhi in which he asked if the country's foreign policy is about Adani's business expansion policy.

On Tuesday, more than 16 Opposition parties met in the office of the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge to chart out the next course of action on the Adani issue. The leaders discussed proposals such as getting all Opposition MPs to sign a petition or march to the ED office.

Strategy meet: Leaders of Opposition parties during a meeting at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's office on Tuesday. PTI

Opposition parties have been arguing that while the Modi government has been using Central agencies to target their leaders, the same agencies have hardly acted on allegations against the Adani Group.

"Is the objective of India's foreign policy to make Adani richer? In the last nine years, Modi*ji* has kept India in *bhram* (misled) and Adani in *vishwa bhraman* (world travel) along with him," Mr. Gandhi asked.

As part of the *Hum Adani ke Hain Kaun* (HAHK) series, Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh cited a March 13 reply of the Finance Ministry to a Parliament question on Department of Revenue Intelligence investigations against the Adani Group for "over invoicing" of coal imports from Indonesia and asked why it had taken eight years for the DRI to complete its investigation.

RSS backs Centre's stand on same-sex marriage

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Backing the Union government's stand on same-sex marriage, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale on Tuesday said marriage can only take place between persons from opposite genders.

In Hindu culture, marriage is a *sanskar* and is not meant only for enjoyment. Marriage is for the benefit of the family and society at large, Mr. Hosbale said.

'Freedom to speak truth is under threat'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The freedom to write and speak the truth is "under threat" today, Congress president and Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, said here on Tuesday.

Mr. Kharge added that it "hurts" when important things or even poetry recited in Parliament is expunged from records. He made these comments while speaking at the Lokmat Award for Parliamentarians.

The Congress president, who was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award at the event, said the media, an important pillar of democracy, is facing suppression from the powers that be. While a section of the media is fighting for this freedom, another has "surrendered", he added.

"Today, the freedom of speaking and writing the truth is under threat... In our parliamentary democracy, parliamentarians and the media have the right to ask questions. But when important matters spoken in Parliament are expunged from the records, it pains us," Mr. Kharge said.

INBRIEF

Rajya Sabha congratulates Academy Awards winners

The Rajya Sabha, in one voice, congratulated on Tuesday the artists behind *The Elephant Whisperers* the Oscar award winning documentary short film, and the *Naatu Naatu* song from Telugu film *RRR*, which won the award for best original song. Leading the elders in appreciating the efforts of the winners, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar said the awards will further the internationalisation of Indian film industry. Leader of the House Piyush Goyal and Opposition leader Mallikarjun Kharge also joined in and congratulated the artists.

3.7 lakh Indians migrated for work to 18 countries in 2022

In 2022, emigration clearances were issued to 3,73,434 Indians, of which 10,654 were from Punjab, the Lok Sabha was informed on Tuesday. The Emigration Act, 1983, regulates emigration of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers as well as certain professionals such as nurses, for employment in 18 specified countries. Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai was replying to to a question by Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal. The reply added that the percentage share of population in Punjab in the age-group of 15 to 59 is 64% in comparison to 60.3% at the all-India level as per Census 2011.

Restore old pension scheme, say Central govt. officers

A section of officers, led by the Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers and the All India State Government Employees Federation, has approached Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba demanding that the old pension scheme (OPS) be restored and the National Pension Scheme (NPS) revoked. The officers, at a protest gathering, also warned of united struggles, including a strike, to protect their "hard-earned rights". "Privatised Pension Scheme is now the most prominent economic offensive of neo-liberal globalisation, which has engulfed employees worldwide," they said.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR OPENING OF "PRADHAN MANTRI JAN AUSHADHI KENDRA (PMJAK")

NIEPMD invites EOI in two bid system (Technical and Financial) through NIC e-procurement portal URL http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app from interested registered Pharmacists to open "Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra (PMJAK") inside NIEPMD Campus. The complete details & document can be downloaded from the NIEPMD website www.niepmd.tn.nic.in The applying Pharmacist should have at least 01 Years' experience in related field. The Experience claimed must be supported by proper testimonials certificates. The interested Pharmacist should submit their offer in the Prescribed Format.

Last date and Time of submission	03.04.2023 (3.00 PM)
Date and Time of Opening	04.04.2023 (4.00 PM)

Sd/- Director

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS : TIRUPATI
Office of the Chief Engineer e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
Adv.No.68/D3/CE/TTD/2022-23, NIT No.105/SE-I/2022-23 & 412/SE-II/2022-23 Dt.12/03/2023
Name of works:(1) Construction of central go-down building at SVIMS, Tirupati. Amount 850.00 Lakhs, Time for completion 18 months **(2)** Construction of Additional Laddu Counters duly extending the existing Laddu Issue Complex, Tirumala, Amount 525 Lakhs. Time for completion 12 months.
NOTE: For full details log on to the website **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in/** or **http://www.apeprocurement.gov.in/**
Roc.No.PR4/13952/Adv.No.430/PRO/2023, Dt:14-03-2023 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : 115,116,117/2022-23/SE/PHC/MVPA, **JJM -** WSS TO NEDUMKANDAM, PAMPADUMPARA, UPPUTHARA ELAPPARA (PART) AND ARAKULAM (PART) PANCHAYATHS IN IDUKKI DISTRICT- Supply and laying distribution system and Providing FHTCs in (1) Pampadumpara Panchayath, (2) Upputhara, Elappara (Part), Arakkulam (Part), (3) Providing and laying CWGMs, CWPM, construction of SPH, Steel tank in Upputhara Panchayaths.
EMD : Rs. 5,00,000/each, **Tender fee :** Rs. 16540
Last Date for submitting Tender : 10-04-2023 04:00:pm, **Phone :** 04852835637
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Superintending Engineer
KWA-JB-GL-6-1823-2022-23 PH Circle, Muvattupuzha

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING / OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY

BRBNMPL invites bids from eligible bidders for following tenders:
1. **Tender No. 100/MYS/VARNIKA-31/2022-23-** Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing & AMC of Silent Diesel Generator of 750KVA Capacity for Varnika at BRBNMPL, Mysuru.
2. **Tender No. 101/MYS/VARNIKA-33/2022-23-** Supply of Skilled and Semi-skilled Manpower for Housekeeping, Material Handling and Miscellaneous Works for Varnika at BRBNMPL, Mysuru.
3. **Tender No. 102/MYS/MMD/2022-23-** Loading, Transportation, Handling & Handing Over of Hazardous Ink Sludge from BRBNMPL, Mysuru on Annual Rate Contract.

For downloading tender documents, last date of submission of above tenders and other details, kindly visit our website **www.brbnmpl.co.in** Further corrigendum/ amendment to above tenders, if issued in future, will be notified on the Company website only.
Sr. General Manager - PP

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : 111,112,113,114/2022-23/SE/PHC/MVPA, **JJM –** Kokkayar & Peruvanathanam Panchayath Providing FHTC (2900 nos) & (3179 nos) to rural house holds, Construction of Steel tanks, Pipe line works, Valve chamber, Road restoration, etc and Supply and laying distribution system, Providing FHTCs in Mariyapuram and Vandanmedu Panchayath.
EMD : Rs. 5,00,000/- Each, **Tender fee :** Rs. 16540/-,
Last Date for submitting Tender : 05-04-2023 04:00:pm, **Phone :** 04852835637,
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
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Tel No.: 8718888322, CIN-U27310CT2015GOI001618, GSTIN: 22AAFCN3661C1ZX

OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY

NMDC Steel Limited, Nagarnar, invites sealed tenders in two bid system with last date & Time for submission of offers as 30.03.2023 by 03.00 PM for the following: **Name of Work:** Supply of Hydraulic Fittings for NMDC Steel Limited, Nagarnar. **Tender No & Date**: **NSL/SP-811/Hydraulic Fittings/5913** Dated: 15.03.2023 Tender documents may be downloaded from websites www.nmdc.co.in or www.eprocure.gov.in in tender section
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Website : www.niftem-t.ac.in
No: NIFTEM-T/PO/MILLET EXPO/2022-23/02
Date: 14.03.2023

TENDER NOTICE

National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship & Management Thanjavur - (NIFTEM-T) has proposed to organize **"National Millet Summit 2023 - Series II"** at SRM University, Kattankulathur, Tamil Nadu - 603203 from **06.05.2023** to **07.05.2023** in the Dr.T.P. Ganesan Auditorium and open ground (opposite to auditorium) of SRM University, Kattankulathur. In this regard, bids are available in GeM website **https://bidplus.gem.gov.in/all-bids, vide Bid No.GEM/2023/B/3260852** from**13.03.2023**. Interested firms / Decorators / Event Managers / Contractors may participate in bidding process. Last date for submission of bid is **03.04.2023** at **7.00 pm**
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1)E-Tender Call Notice No.CPC-55/2022-23:- Bids invited from reputed manufacture under single stage two-envelop system for Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 2X20 MVA, 132/33kV Grid Sub-station with SAS, Jharbandha at Sankri with associated 132kV LILO Transmission line (Line Length-8.705 Km.) on 132 kV Padampur-Nuapada DC Line, at an Estimated cost of the package **Rs.37.89 Crore** in Bargarh district of Odisha on turnkey contract basis
2)E-Tender Call Notice No.CPC-56/2022-23:- Bids invited under two part bidding system for Procurement of straight through jointing kit & outdoor type termination kit for XLPE under ground cable, at an estimated cost of the package **Rs. 2.37 Crore** in state Odisha.
3)E-Tender Call Notice No.CPC-50/2022-23:- Bids invited from reputed manufacture under two part bidding system for Procurement of XLPE underground cable, at an Estimated cost of the package **Rs.7.29 Crore** in state Odisha.
Complete set bidding documents are available at **http://tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** & **http://www.optcl.co.in** .
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Tender Enquiry No. ITMU/CMFRI/OL-4/2022-2023

The Director, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, PB No. 1603, Ernakulam North P.O., Kochi-682 018 invites sealed tenders from the competitive bidders to out-license **Cadalmin™ Immunalgin extract (Cadalmin™ Ime) developed by the Institute from seaweeds to improve the immune system** developed by ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute. Tender document issued by this office or downloaded from our official website (www.cmfri.org.in) only be accepted. Interested registered companies (private or public) with proven track record may send the tender by post in the prescribed format (as detailed at our official web site www.cmfri.org.in) to the address **(The Director (kind attention: Assistant Administrative Officer -Coordination), Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, PB No. 1603, Ernakulam North P.O., Kochi-682 018 Kerala)** from 25 days of publication of the advertisement.

DIRECTOR, ICAR-CMFRI

INBRIEF

Surekha is first woman to operate Vande Bharat train

Surekha Yadav, Asia's first woman loco pilot, has become the first woman to operate the newly introduced semi-high-speed Vande Bharat Express train. A native of Satara district of Maharashtra, Ms. Yadav piloted the train between Solapur and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) in Mumbai on Monday. The train reached the CSMT five minutes before the scheduled arrival time after completing a more than 450-km journey. She was felicitated at the CSMT. "Vande Bharat – powered by Nari Shakti. Smt. Surekha Yadav, the first woman loco pilot of Vande Bharat Express," Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said in a tweet.

Indigenous very short range missile systems tested twice

The DRDO conducted two consecutive successful flight tests of Very Short Range Air Defence missiles at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha on Tuesday. In another development, the maiden flight test of the Power Take off (PTO) Shaft was successfully conducted on Light Combat Aircraft (LCA-Tejas) Limited Series Production (LSP)-3 aircraft in Bengaluru. "The flight tests were carried out from a ground-based man portable launcher against high-speed unmanned aerial targets, mimicking approaching and receding aircraft. The targets were successfully intercepted, meeting all mission objectives," a Ministry statement said.

Another U.S. Navy ship arrives at L&T shipyard for repairs

In the second such instance, a U.S. Navy replenishment ship, *USNS Matthew Perry*, has docked at Larsen & Toubro's Kattupalli shipyard on March 11 for repairs. The ship will undergo repairs from March 11 to 29, Navy chief Admiral R. Hari Kumar said on Monday. "Warships from friendly countries have begun utilising Indian shipyards and naval dockyards for repair and refit of their platforms, which has enhanced the prospects of an export-driven Indian shipbuilding industry. For instance, one of U.S. Navy's dry cargo ships had undertaken repairs at the Kattupalli shipyard last year," he said.

CBI condoles demise of its ex-chief K. Vijaya Rama Rao

The CBI condoled the death of its former Director K. Vijaya Rama Rao who served the agency as its 14th chief for three years from 1993 to 1996. Mr. Rao, who had served as a Minister in undivided Andhra Pradesh, died in Hyderabad on Monday night due to health issues. He was 85. "The officers and all ranks of Central Bureau of Investigation deeply mourn the sad demise of Shri K. Vijay Rama Rao, former Director, CBI, and pray to the Almighty to provide the family strength, succour and fortitude to bear with this tragedy," the CBI said. His three years tenure saw the CBI probe cases such as the demolition of the Babri mosque, the assassination of Punjab CM Beant Singh, among others, it said. PTI

Coffee cup on flight cockpit raises safety concern

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

A photo of a coffee cup delicately perched on a start lever inside a cockpit, purportedly onboard a SpiceJet aircraft, which was widely circulated on social media on Tuesday, raised eyebrows over the allegedly reckless behaviour of the airline's pilots that could endanger the safety of the plane and all passengers, and led to calls for strict action against them.

The airline said in response to a query from *The Hindu* that it was trying to ascertain the details related to the purported incident, following which it would take disciplinary action.

The photograph in question showed an uncovered cup with the airline's branding and carrying the name SpiceJet placed on a start lever on the central control panel when the aircraft, destined for Guwahati, is in cruise mode at the height of 37,000 feet.

OBC panel does not have caste census data, says govt.

The commission was formed in 2017 by the Union Social Justice Ministry to sub-categorise the nearly 3,000 caste groups that are currently listed as Other Backward Classes on the Central list

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Even as experts have said that it will be impossible to conduct an accurate sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes (OBC) groups without some form of a caste census, the Union government on Tuesday informed the Lok Sabha that the Justice G. Rohini Commission, which is looking into the sub-categorisation, has been working without the data from the previous Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) conducted in 2011.

The commission, headed by the former Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, Justice G. Rohini (retd.), was formed in 2017 by the Social Justice Ministry, in a bid to sub-categorise the nearly 3,000 caste groups that are currently listed as OBCs on the Central list.

> There has to be a study on socio-economic indicators and on levels of discrimination faced by these caste groups
>
> **SUKHADEO THORAT**
> Former UGC Chairman

The goal was to determine which caste groups had the most access to benefits, crowding out less privileged caste groups.

The commission, initially tasked with submitting its report within 12 weeks, has been given 14 extensions till date, the most recent one being in January.

In response to a question in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday from A.K.P. Chinraj of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), who had asked if the government had shared caste data from the 2011 SECC with the commission, the Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, A. Narayanaswamy, said: "No sir. No such request has been received from Justice G. Rohini-led Commission."

Reacting to this, Professor Sukhadeo Thorat, former Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Indian Council of Social Science Research, said, "There has to be a study on socio-economic indicators like education, land-holding, poverty and also on levels of discrimination faced by these caste groups. Without this, any such work would not be possible."

Further, Harish S. Wankhede, Assistant Professor at the Jawaharlal Nehru University's Centre for Political Studies, noted that developments related to the sub-categorisation panel showed that the government's intent is to "not let the OBC question come into the spotlight". "The importance of conducting a socio-economic census of OBCs cannot be understated," Mr. Wankhede said.

While the commission is yet to submit its report to the government, its preliminary findings had led it to sub-categorise OBC caste groups into four broad categories.

Among these, the existing 27% OBC quota will be divided – with the maximum reservation going to caste groups that have been historically crowded out, and minimum reservation for the dominant caste groups.

1,035 died while cleaning sewers since 1993: Centre

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A total of 1,035 people have died while undertaking hazardous cleaning of sewers and septic tanks across India since 1993, the Social Justice Ministry said on Tuesday, adding that of these, compensation had been given out to the families of 948.

The government was responding to a question from West Bengal MP Mimi Chakraborty (Trinamool Congress) on the Self-Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS).

The Budgetary allocation for this scheme has been in decline for the last three fiscal years, as reported by *The Hindu* earlier this year. In the 2023-24 Union Budget, the government allocated no funds under this scheme.

The Ministry had in 2022 decided to merge the SRMS with the National Action Plan for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem.

House panel on Tribal Affairs apprehensive about PM-PVTG outlay without population data

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Weeks after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a ₹15,000-crore expenditure outlay for the Prime Minister's Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PM-PVTG) Development Mission, the Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on Tuesday expressed disappointment that such a massive budgetary allocation had been planned when even the Ministry of Tribal Affairs does not have data on PVTG populations in several States and Union Territories.

The House panel, headed by BJP MP Rama Devi, in its report on the Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, said, "The Committee are rather apprehensive on the enhanced budgetary allocation for PVTGs and its utilisation by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs as data on population of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in several States/U.T.s is still not available with them."

The panel noted that Ministry officials informed members that for PVTGs, an annual expenditure of ₹5,000 crore had been planned – to be spent over the next three years. The officials also said that the States and Union Territories had been asked to carry out baseline surveys and that this exercise was now under verification process.

"The Committee feel that this should have been done earlier because they strongly believe that in the absence of correct details of the population of PVTGs, the financial allocation for the Scheme may not bear the desired results," the panel noted.

The House panel also noted that an evaluation study had revealed that PVTG data are absent in many States and UTs, including for Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which the panel members recently visited, and where six of seven Scheduled Tribes groups fall under the PVTG categorisation.

The panel also pointed out that the government had been able to spend just ₹6.48 crore for the development of PVTGs in 2022-23, out of an initial allocation of ₹252 crore, and said that estimates had to be reduced significantly in the financial years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Expressing hope that the PM-PVTG Development Mission had the potential to rejuvenate a "crumbling scheme", "if implemented with the requisite push", the panel said it expects the Ministry to frame the modalities, guidelines and SOPs expeditiously, and also sought regular updates on the same from the Ministry.

On 2023-24 allocation

On the Tribal Affairs allocation of over ₹12,000 crore made in this year's Budget Estimates, the committee said it appreciated this increase.

However, it noted that in the past three financial years, Tribal Affairs ministry's allocation has consistently reduced from BE stage to RE stage, and cautioned that the same not be repeated this year.

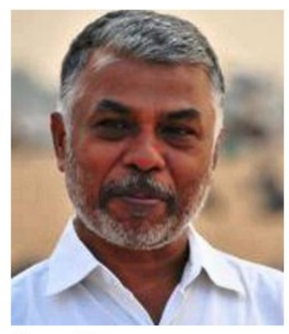
Writer Perumal Murugan thrilled with *Pyre* featuring on International Booker longlist

B. Kolappan
CHENNAI

Pyre, the English translation of writer Perumal Murugan's Tamil novel *Pookkuzhi*, has figured on the longlist for the International Booker Prize, 2023. The translator is Aniruddhan Vasudevan, who also translated the writer's *Maathorubhagan* into English as *One Part Woman*.

"I am extremely happy as it is the first Tamil novel that has found a place on the International Booker longlist," said Mr. Perumal Murugan, who wrote *Pookkuzhi* in 2012. The novel was published by Kalachuvadu. The English translation was first published by Penguin and later by the U.K.-based Pushkin Press and Grove Atlantic in the U.S.

"An inter-caste couple elopes, setting in motion a story of terrifying foreboding. Perumal Murugan is a great anatomist of power and, in particular, of the deep, deforming rot of caste hatred and violence. With flashes of fable, his novel tells a story specific



Perumal Murugan

and universal: how flammable are fear and the distrust of others," says the Booker Prize website, quoting the judges who have been asked to summarise each book.

The shortlist of six books will be announced on April 18. The winning title will be announced at a ceremony at the Sky Garden in London on May 23, 2023.

Set in the 1980s, *Pyre* exposes the blood-chilling vengeance by casteist forces against inter-caste couple Kumaresan and Saroja. Casteism, with its innumerable tentacles, engulfs Kumaresan and Saroja, reminding readers of real-life incidents in Tamil Nadu such as the killing of Sankar, a Dalit who married Kausalya, a woman from an intermediate caste; the mysterious death of the young Dalit Ilavarasan, who fell in love with Divya, again from an intermediate caste; and the brutal murder of Gokul Raj, a Dalit boy who was in love with a girl of another community.

Aniruddhan Vasudevan says that translating *Pookkuzhi* has been a somewhat different experience.

"I think the difficulty is because there is more direct speech involved in *Pookkuzhi*; the characters speak a lot and their streams of thought too bear the distinct mark of regional speech patterns. In the Tamil text, Kumaresan and Saroja's people speak differently; their speech is marked by rural and semi-urban variations. It has been difficult to sustain that difference in translation. Perhaps this is an instance where specificity of language use resists translatability," he writes in the translator's note.

(The longlist can be found on bit.ly/prizebooker)

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(set by Vidwan)

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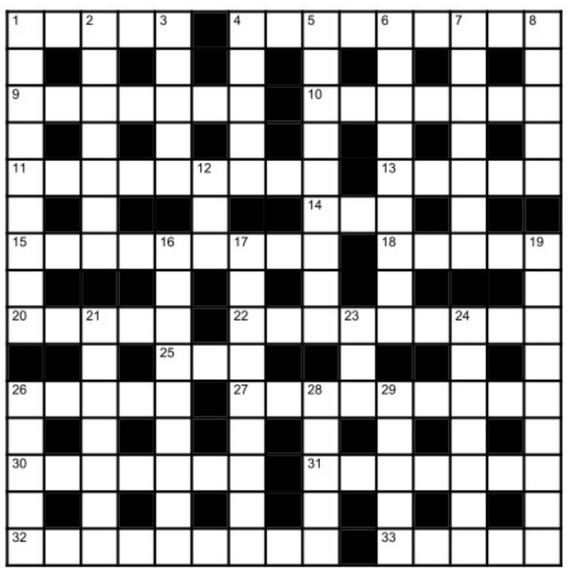

Across

1 Novel - extremely scoundrelly and full of gossips (5)
4 Angry 'hot' song used for targeting (9)
9 Cultivator initially comes for work to an unknown retailing establishment (7)
10 Boy quietly left, one not secure or enduring (7)
11 Desperate, she tried securing my root chakras (5-4)
13 Average time required (5)
14 Come to see naked sponsors of terrorism (3)
15 Taking no good parts? That is smart! (9)
18 Stewart for example - popular artist! (5)
20 A bird preys essentially by cutting one quick! (5)
22 Caught, say along with forbidden rank (3-3-3)
25 Purpose: Demand sanctioning of Casual Leave (3)
26 One quietly tucked into couch with 2 feet (5)
27 European from Greenland possibly (9)
30 Love to write and sing outdoors (4,3)
31 Virginia Spear's decorative drapery (7)
32 Controversial article about diplomat at the forefront (9)
33 Hound's tough! (5)

Down

1 Spooner's shining weapon for after-work parties (9)
2 Fly over a day in Jewish state (7)
3 Yes, that is extremely limited harvest (5)
4 Actor occasionally seen over fifty two years, warily rejecting approaches (5)
5 Management of error (9)
6 Something that decreases in a remote fashion (5,4)
7 Any darn liberal philosopher (3,4)
8 Give up? No...no! Lease again! (5)
12 High tea snack (3)
16 Constant state of sad, loveless drifts (9)
17 Cubic-shaped moist rice (9)
19 I try one to start scandal (9)
21 Clothing/dresses/apparel (basically party skirts) for academic break (3,4)
23 Answer: 50 + 50 = 100% (3)
24 Some record in a logbook or service book (7)
26 An assassin's stand (5)
28 Judge uses it right away to confuse (5)
29 Improvisation of plans laid out beforehand at start (2-3)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Vidura's resolute counsel

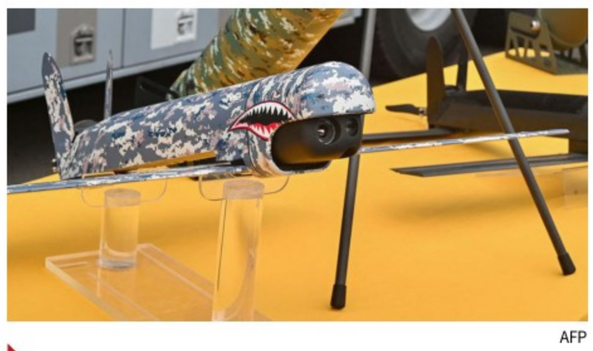
Vidura did not give up trying to talk sense into Dhritarashtra and Duryodhana. He told Dhritarashtra that he must stop the game of dice being played by Yudhishthira and Sakuni, said Kidambi Narayanan, in a discourse.

Duryodhana, by opposing the Pandavas needlessly, was only exposing himself to danger. A seasoned gardener would not pluck buds and instead wait for them to open up into flowers. Likewise, Duryodhana must not lose sight of the overall good of the family and country in his desire to hurt the Pandavas. Dhritarashtra must not encourage Duryodhana because of his affection for his son. A man may want to buy peacocks but to do so, he would have to sell the foxes he owned, and use the money obtained from the sale to get the birds. Duryodhana was like such foxes. He could be dispensed with to get the peacocks, in this case, the Pandavas. For the good of a family, it was all right to give up a wicked person, Vidura said.

Duryodhana would bring nothing but misery to his family. It was best not to heed him. If, as a result, he were to move away from his father, so be it. Duryodhana's aim was to humiliate the Pandavas immediately. He had not thought of the harm this could do to him and to his family and his citizens. He was like the man who killed the birds that laid golden eggs. Killing them would only destroy a constant source of income. In the same way, if Duryodhana was on friendly terms with the Pandavas, it would work to the benefit of his kingdom and his family. But instead, he was bent on vanquishing them. That was an impossible task. All that would achieve was the destruction of the Kaurava family, Vidura warned.

TAICHUNG

Taiwan unveils portable attack drone as tensions with China rise



AFP

Taiwan unveiled its first portable attack drone, an unmanned aerial vehicle similar to a U.S. model used in Ukraine's fight against Russia, as China steps up military pressure on the island. The Taiwanese-made single-use drone, designed to be small enough to be carried in a backpack, can stay in the air for 15 minutes. AFP

RIYADH

Saudi Arabia places order for up to 121 jetliners from Boeing

REUTERS

Two Saudi Arabian airlines will order 78 jetliners from Boeing and take options to buy 43 more in a major boost for the U.S. aircraft manufacturer. The order for Boeing 787s will be divided between Saudi Arabia's flag carrier, Saudia, and a planned new airline called Riyadh Air, which Saudi officials introduced over the weekend. AP

STOCKHOLM

Swedish PM believes Finland's NATO entry will be ratified first

REUTERS

Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said the likelihood that Finland would join NATO before Sweden had "increased" as Stockholm's bid continues to face stiff opposition from Turkey. He said it had become clear in recent weeks that Turkey was ready to ratify Finland's bid, but still had reservations about Sweden's. AFP

MOSCOW

Putin says Nord Stream blasts were carried out on a 'state level'

REUTERS

Russian President Vladimir Putin said last year's blasts on the Nord Stream gas pipelines had been carried out on a "state level", dismissing the idea an autonomous pro-Ukraine group was responsible as "complete nonsense". The pipelines were hit by a series of unexplained explosions last September. REUTERS

China says AUKUS deal going down the 'wrong and dangerous path'

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Expressing its "firm opposition" to Monday's announcement on Australia's purchase of nuclear-powered submarines, China's government on Tuesday slammed the Australia, U.S. and U.K. (AUKUS) partnership as going "down the wrong and dangerous path" and undermining international nuclear non-proliferation.

"We've repeatedly said that the establishment of the so-called AUKUS security partnership between the U.S., the U.K. and Australia to promote cooperation on nuclear submarines and other cutting-edge military technologies is a typical Cold War mentality. It will only exacerbate arms race, undermine the international nuclear non-proliferation regime and hurt regional peace and stability," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said in Beijing.

"The latest joint statement issued by the U.S., the U.K. and Australia shows that the three countries, for their own geopolitical interests, have totally disregarded the concerns of the international community and gone further down the wrong and dangerous path. Nuclear submarine cooperation between the U.S., the U.K. and Australia involves the transfer of large amounts of weapons-grade highly enriched uranium from nuclear weapon states to a non-nuclear weapon state, which poses a serious nuclear proliferation risk and violates the purpose and object of the NPT."

On the three countries' on Monday committing to follow the highest non-proliferation standards, Mr. Wang said it was "nothing but a high-sounding rhetoric to deceive the world."

"In essence, itis a move to coerce the IAEA Secretariat into making safeguards exemption arrangements, which would seriously undermine the authority of the body. China is firmly opposed to this," he added.

The deal, the spokesperson said, would damage the "integrity, efficacy and authority of the NPT". "The safeguards issues related to AUKUS concern the interests of all member states of the IAEA and should be jointly discussed and decided by all member states through a transparent, open and inclusive intergovernmental process," Mr. Wang said.

Australia to buy U.S. nuclear submarines under AUKUS

Albanese calls it the biggest single investment in Australia's defence capability in all of its history; UN nuclear watchdog wants to ensure that there are no proliferation risks from the deal

Agence France-Presse
SAN DIEGO

Australia has unveiled plans to buy up to five U.S. nuclear-powered submarines, then build a new model with U.S. and British technology under an ambitious plan to bulk up Western muscle across the Asia-Pacific in the face of a rising China.

The announcement came on Monday at an event at a San Diego, California, naval base where U.S. President Joe Biden hosted Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

With a U.S. Virginia-class nuclear submarine moored behind the trio's podium, Mr. Biden said the U.S. had "safeguarded stability in the Indo-Pacific for decades" and that the submarine alliance would bolster "the prospect of peace for decades to come."

Ship mates: (from left to right) Anthony Albanese, Joe Biden and Rishi Sunak at a San Diego naval base in the U.S. on Monday. AP

No nukes

As Mr. Biden stressed, Australia, which joined a newly formed alliance known as AUKUS with Washington and London 18 months ago, will not be getting nuclear weapons.

However, acquiring stealthy submarines powered by nuclear reactors puts Australia in an elite club and at the forefront of U.S.-led efforts to push back against Chinese military expansion.

Mr. Albanese said the deal represents the biggest single investment in Australia's defence capability "in all of our history."

The submarines are expected to be equipped with cruise missiles that can strike foes from long distances, offering a potent deterrent to would-be attackers.

Mr. Albanese predicted that the wider economic impact at home would be akin to the introduction of the automobile industry in the country after World War II.

IAEA's warning

Meanwhile, the UN nuclear watchdog on Tuesday said it has to ensure that "no proliferation risks" will come from the deal.

"Ultimately, the agency must ensure that no proliferation risks will emanate from this project," International Atomic Energy Agency chief Rafael Grossi said. "The legal obligations of the parties and the non-proliferation aspects are paramount," Mr. Grossi added.

The U.K. and the U.S., both nuclear-weapons states, have to report to the IAEA "international transfers of nuclear material" to non-nuclear-weapon states such as Australia, the press release said.

Deal to be struck

Australia, for its part, will have to make "an arrangement" with the UN watchdog to be able to use nuclear material "such as nuclear propulsion for submarines", Mr. Grossi stressed.

The Australian government estimates the multi-decade project will cost almost $40 billion in the first 10 years, and create an estimated 20,000 jobs.

Three conventionally armed, nuclear-powered Virginia class vessels will be sold "over the course of the 2030s," with the "possibility of going up to five if that is needed," Mr. Biden's national security advisor, Jake Sullivan, said.

Britain and Australia will then embark on building a new model, also nuclear-powered and carrying conventional weapons, dubbed the SSN-AUKUS. This will be a British design, with U.S. technology, and "significant investments in all three industrial bases," Mr. Sullivan said.

Armenian PM slams security alliance headlined by Russia

Associated Press
YEREVAN

Nikol Pashinyan

Armenia's Prime Minister on Tuesday accused a Moscow-dominated security alliance of leaving his country in the cold in the face of a threat of renewed hostilities with neighbouring Azerbaijan.

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan has been repeatedly critical of what he described as the failure of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, or CSTO, to protect member Armenia amid a standoff with Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh.

Russia, which has sought to preserve strong ties with its ally Armenia while also maintaining friendly relations with energy-rich Azerbaijan, has engaged in a delicate diplomatic balancing act, avoiding any forceful action. The Kremlin's clout in the region has become more limited as Russia has focused its resources on the war in Ukraine.

Mr. Pashinyan said at a news conference that it wasn't Armenia that is pulling out of the CSTO, but, on the contrary, "the CSTO is pulling out of Armenia, whether it wishes so or not." "We are concerned about that," Mr. Pashinyan said.

He emphasised that "the threat of escalation along Armenia's border and in Nagorno-Karabakh is very high now,".

Reflecting its irritation with Moscow, Armenia has canceled a planned military exercise by CSTO members set for this year and refrained from naming its representative to the bloc's leadership.

China opens borders to tourists after 3 years of restrictions brought about by pandemic

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

The move marked the withdrawal of the last remaining travel curbs that had been in place for three years

China will, starting Wednesday, fully reopen its borders and allow tourists back into the country after three years of pandemic restrictions.

The country's embassies abroad will resume "issuing various categories of visas to foreigners on Wednesday," the Department of Consular Affairs of the Foreign Ministry in Beijing said. Foreigners "with valid visas issued before March 28, 2020 will be allowed to enter China", the National Immigration Administration said in a notice, adding that it had "decided to adjust policies of foreigners' visas and entry from 0:00 on March 15, 2023 in order to better coordinate COVID-19 prevention and control with economic and social development, and to facilitate personnel exchanges between China and other countries".

The Chinese Embassy in New Delhi in a notice on its website on Tuesday confirmed it would, starting Wednesday, "resume issuing various types of Chinese visas" and "Chinese visas that were issued before March 28, 2020 and remains within valid period will be reactivated."

The announcements marked the withdrawal of the last remaining travel restrictions that had been in place for close to three years. Since early 2020, China had some of the most stringent travel restrictions of anywhere in the world, and was essentially closed off from international travel.

Incremental steps

Starting last year, Beijing began to allow small batches of foreign students back into the country, with many, including thousands of medical students from India, seeing their education put on hold for more than two years as well as having their graduation plans disrupted. China ended the "zero-COVID" policy in early December 2022, and starting January 8, opened its borders for family reunions and ended the mandatory quarantine for international arrivals.

This followed the Chinese government downgrading management of COVID-19 from a Class A to Class B infectious disease, no longer allowing for lockdowns and quarantine. The sudden lifting of restrictions in December caught Chinese hospitals by surprise, seeing shortages of medicines, a wave of cases around the country, and for several weeks, crematoria reporting long waiting periods due to elderly deaths.

By January, however, the country had largely returned to normalcy with the wave of cases subsiding earlier than most experts expected, seeing a boom in domestic tourism and consumption.

On Monday, the new Premier Li Qiang, speaking in his first press conference following the conclusion of the annual National People's Congress, defended the transition away from zero-COVID. While the move was welcomed by most people in China who had grown weary of lockdowns, it was also criticised for the messy ending as well as the wave of elderly deaths due to low vaccination booster rates.

"At a major stage when the virus became less pathogenic and with the increase in China's capacity for pandemic control, we have improved and adjusted our COVID response measures and achieved smooth transition by putting COVID back to the category of Class B infectious disease," he said.

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5. Period of Completion : As per NIT.
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1.	Date & time of release of bid	13.03.2023, 05 PM	
2.	Date & time of Pre-bid Meeting	18.03.2023, 12.00 PM Venue : Tender Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar	
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		22.03.2023, 03 PM	05.04.2023, 05 PM
4.	Date & time of online Technical Bid Opening	06.04.2023, 03 PM	
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E -TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for proposal (RFP) for Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram - Electrical Works.

Sl. No	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive of GST)	Bid Submission Last Date
Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram- Electrical Works.				
1	Road ID 72 & 73 (Thyvilla Road & Santhi Nagar Road)	2023_SCTLT_551312_2	Rs. 3,51,84,212/-	21/03/2023
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INBRIEF

Meta to lay off 10,000 staff in second round of job cuts

Facebook-parent Meta Platforms said on Tuesday it would cut 10,000 jobs, just four months after it let go 11,000 employees, the first Big Tech company to announce a second round of mass layoffs. "We expect to reduce our team size by around 10,000 people and to close around 5,000 additional open roles that we haven't yet hired," Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg said in a message to staff. The news sent Meta's shares up 2% in premarket trading. REUTERS

Sundaram Finance increases interest rates on term deposits

Sundaram Finance said it had increased interest rates on term deposits for the general public and senior citizens for tenures of one to three years with effect from March 16, 2023. For the general public, the rate on 12 months deposit has been increased to 7.45% from the existing 7.20%. For 24 and 36 months, it has been increased to 7.75% (7.5%). For senior citizens, the interest rate for 12 months has been raised to 7.95% from 7.70%, for 24 and 36 months, it is 8.25% against 8% earlier.

G Square bolsters top brass with three appointments

Plot promoter G Square said it had made key top-level appointments. While Junaith Babu has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer, Sudevan Manickan is Head of Business Process and Analytics, and Sundararaman R has been appointed Zonal Head, Hyderabad. The new team will additionally handle key functions of the company such as business management, expansion plans, and sales and marketing operations, G Square said in a statement.

WPI inflation eases to 3.85%, manufactured products help

February's deceleration in wholesale price gains follows January's rate of 4.73% and December's upwardly revised 5.02%; base effect also contributes as February 2022 had seen inflation of 13.4%

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Inflation based on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) moderated to a two-year low of 3.85% in February from 4.73% in January, with manufactured products' inflation cooling from 3% to a little under 2%, and primary articles, food and fuel and power recording milder downturns in the pace of inflation from a month earlier. The base effect also contributed as February 2022 saw a 13.4% pace.

The wholesale inflation rate for December was revised upwards to 5.02% from 4.95%. Fuel and power inflation eased slightly to 14.8%. Inflation measured by the Wholesale Food Index eased to 2.76% from 2.95% in January, the pace of decline slightly higher than witnessed in consumer food prices, which moved from 6% to 5.95% in the same period.

Onion prices continued to fall for the 18th straight month, shrinking 40.1%.

"Amidst a mixed trend in the wholesale prices of essential commodities in the early part of the month, the wholesale price inflation is anticipated to soften to about 2% in March," ICRA said in a note. "Outlook for food inflation... is clouded by emerging risks such as a potential heatwave and the development of El Nino conditions," it cautioned.

Wholesale easing

Price gains measured by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) continued to ease last month, as inflation in all three product groups and food index slowed

- Manufactured products' inflation slid to 1.94% in Feb. from 2.99% in January
- Food index-based inflation eased 19 basis points to 2.76%
- Onion prices shrank for an 18th straight month, contracting 40.1%

'U.S. bank failures not to hit most APAC finance firms'

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NEW DELHI

Most Asia-Pacific (APAC) financial institutions are not exposed to the failed U.S. banks and are not as susceptible to large losses from debt security holdings as Silicon Valley Bank was, Moody's said.

Moody's Investors Service said the events may result in tightening of liquidity in debt markets globally. However, the impact will be limited for most rated APAC financial institutions due to structural factors.

SVB shockwaves rattle global banks

Reuters

Shockwaves from Silicon Valley Bank's collapse triggered big moves in bank shares on Tuesday as investors fretted over the health of some lenders, in spite of assurances from U.S. President Joe Biden and other policymakers.

An indicator of credit risk in the euro zone banking system leapt to its highest since mid-July, as worries about contagion risks from the collapse of two U.S. banks compounded investor concerns about the impact of rising interest rates.

"If we do not see any high-profile failures in the near future, then the fears would subside," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Cresset Capital.

Asian banking stocks had earlier extended declines, with Japanese banks hit particularly hard.

'Resolution of SVB to bring relief to start-ups'

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NEW DELHI

Amid U.S. administration's move to backstop collapsed Silicon Valley Bank's (SVB) deposits, IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has said the developments are "reassuring" and will bring relief to start-ups.

The Biden administration has announced that depositors of the failed Silicon Valley Bank will have access to their money from Monday. Federal regulators have stepped in to back all SVB deposits.

'CBIC booked insurers in 106 cases of tax evasion for ₹7,581.8-cr.'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has booked 106 cases of tax evasion involving ₹7,581.8 crore against various insurance firms in the past five years, the Finance Ministry informed Parliament. The Income Tax (IT) department had also initiated action against the insurers, it added.

About ₹1,347.2 crore had been recovered in cases involving indirect tax, concerning evasion of Service Tax, prior to the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), and non-payment or short payment of GST under reverse charge mechanism or availing of ineligible Input Tax Credit, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said.

He was responding to a query from V. K. Sreekandan, M.P., in the Lok Sabha about insurers coming "under the scanner for rampant tax evasion".

The Hindu had reported last month that the department planned to crack down on firms after finding industrywide irregularities and evasion.

"Whenever any instance of tax evasion comes to the notice, the Income Tax Department takes appropriate action... against such tax evader(s). Such actions are undertaken in cases of assesses in various sectors, including the insurance sector," Mr. Chaudhary added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	57,900	-0.58
US Dollar	82.37	-0.17
Gold	57,380	1.46
Brent oil	80.25	-1.96

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1738.20	-136.20
Adani Ports	654.50	-26.70
Apollo Hosp	4299.60	-45.40
Asian Paints	2745.60	-38.60
Axis Bank	832.85	0.50
Bajaj Auto	3752.90	-25.55
Bajaj Finserv	1280.55	-15.15
Bajaj Finance	5731.55	-102.00
Bharti Airtel	771.80	6.50
BPCL	326.20	3.60
Britannia Ind	4292.95	-14.65
Cipla	872.05	-2.75
Coal India	221.05	0.25
Divis Lab	2757.05	-9.95
Dr Reddys Lab	4349.55	-20.85
Eicher Motors	3016.90	-16.50
Grasim Ind	1561.20	-0.85
HCL Tech	1084.05	-14.55
HDFC	2557.45	-17.80
HDFC Bank	1564.35	-4.20
HDFC Life	470.55	-8.40
Hero MotoCorp	2373.45	-13.60
Hindalco	402.70	0.45
Hind Unilever	2442.45	-12.65
ICICI Bank	830.35	1.95
IndusInd Bank	1064.00	3.90
Infosys	1420.00	-15.10
ITC	379.70	-3.95
JSW Steel	672.05	-3.55
Kotak Bank	1648.25	-25.65
L&T	2144.20	10.35
M&M	1160.80	-32.65
Maruti Suzuki	8512.15	-6.25
NestleIndia	18264.65	-52.80
NTPC	177.90	-1.80
ONGC	153.30	-2.50
PowerGrid Corp	225.20	-0.90
Reliance Ind	2275.95	-8.55
SBI Life	1077.10	4.60
State Bank	525.40	-4.60
Sun Pharma	957.20	3.10
TataConsumerProduct	693.30	-0.85
Tata Motors	416.65	-5.75
Tata Steel	106.40	-0.40
TCS	3214.95	-67.00
Tech Mahindra	1115.30	-18.50
Titan	2355.60	23.60
UltraTech Cement	7063.95	-11.65
UPL	697.65	-7.05
Wipro	379.45	-6.00

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on March 14

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.29	82.61
Euro	88.19	88.54
British Pound	99.99	100.39
Japanese Yen (100)	61.40	61.65
Chinese Yuan	11.96	12.01
Swiss Franc	90.36	90.72
Singapore Dollar	61.10	61.35
Canadian Dollar	59.92	60.16
Malaysian Ringitt	18.35	18.43
Australian Dollar	54.71	54.93

Source:Indian Bank

CCI approves Reliance Retail Metro AG deal

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NEW DELHI

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Tuesday said it had approved Reliance Retail Venture's acquisition of German firm Metro AG's wholesale operations in India.

Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd. (RRVL) is a subsidiary of Reliance Industries, while Metro Cash & Carry India is engaged in wholesale operations in India. In December last year, it was announced that RRVL had signed definitive agreements to acquire 100% equity stake in the company for a total cash consideration of ₹2,850 crore.

In a tweet, CCI said it had cleared the "acquisition of Metro Cash and Carry India Pvt Ltd by Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd."

'First semiconductor fab to be announced in a few weeks'

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NEW DELHI

The first semiconductor fab will be announced in a few weeks, and India is poised for a vibrant chip industry in the next 3-4 years on the back of enabling policies and the government's firm commitment towards growing the manufacturing ecosystem, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Tuesday.

Today, 99% of mobile phones used here are made in India, he said.

This is in stark contrast to the situation 10 years ago when out of 100 phones, as much as 99% was imported, the Minister for Electronics and IT said at a CII event.

Ashwini Vaishnaw

This year, the mobile phone exports will touch $9.5 -10 billion, he added.

The Centre is focused on creating and fostering the semiconductor sector and has been actively engaging with stakeholders.

Given the progress on all fronts in India's semiconductor blueprint, "we should see a vibrant semiconductor industry in the coming 3-4 years."

TII's pharma foray plans CDMO, API

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Tube Investments of India Ltd. (TII) has decided to diversify into contract development and manufacturing organisation (CDMO) and active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) as part of its growth strategy.

"TII's foray in to CDMO, a business with high growth potential, augurs well with its plan to diversify its business portfolio and reduce dependency on traditional revenue streams," executive chairman M.A.M. Arunachalam said in a filing. On Tuesday, TII signed an agreement with pharma expert N. Govindarajan for establishment of CDMO business through a new subsidiary. The subsidiary will focus on API and other products.

'Energy transition, top priority for 73% of firms'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Some 73% of global firms see energy transition among the top three organisational priorities and 79% of the largest firms (valued at more than $50 billion) expect an increase in energy transition spending over the next 12 to 24 months, according to a study conducted by Infosys in collaboration with HFS Research.

Infosys and HFS Research surveyed 313 energy transition leaders on how they are aligning their firms with U.N.'s Sustainable Developmental Goals.

India said to plan new security testing for smartphones

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India plans to force smartphone makers to allow removal of pre-installed apps and mandate screening of major operating system updates under proposed new security rules, according to two people and a government document seen by Reuters.

The new rules, details of which have not been previously reported, could extend introduction timelines in the world's number two smartphone market and lead to losses in business from pre-installed applications for players including Samsung, Xiaomi, Vivo, and Apple.

Concerns about spying

The IT Ministry is considering these new rules amid concerns about spying and abuse of user data, said a senior government official, one of the two people.

"Pre-installed apps can be a weak security point and we want to ensure no foreign nations, including China, are exploiting it. It's a matter of national security," the official added.

India has ramped up scrutiny of Chinese businesses since a 2020 border clash between the neighbours, banning more than 300 Chinese apps, including TikTok. It has also intensified scrutiny of investments by Chinese firms.

Globally too, many nations have imposed restrictions on the use of technology from Chinese firms like Huawei and Hikvision on fears Beijing could use them to spy on foreign citizens. China denies these allegations.

INNER DEMONS

Not scoring big was eating me up, says Kohli

Virat Kohli has admitted that not being able to make any substantial contribution to Team India's cause for a long time was "eating him up". "I let the complications grow on me a bit because of my shortcomings," Kohli told Rahul Dravid in a chat, the video of which has been posted by BCCI on its website.

FIT AGAIN

Warner in our plans for the World Test Championship: McDonald

Australia opener David Warner will compete in the upcoming ODI series against India, having recovered from his elbow injury, coach Andrew McDonald confirmed on Tuesday. "He (Warner) is coming back (to India) for the one day series, he's recovered from his injury. At the moment Dave's fully in our plans for the WTC," he added.

SWEEPING SUCCESS

Litton Das stars as Bangladesh blanks England in T20Is

England crashed to a 0-3 series defeat against Bangladesh in its Twenty20 series as a half-century by Litton Das and tight bowling helped the hosts win the final match in Mirpur on Tuesday by 16 runs. **The scores**: Bangladesh 158/2 in 20 overs (Litton Das 73, Najmul Hossain 47) bt England 142/6 in 20 overs (Dawid Malan 53, Buttler 40).

NEW FORMAT

2026 FIFA World Cup to have a record 104 matches with 48 teams

The expanded 2026 men's football World Cup in North America will start with 12 groups of four teams, a change from the original planned format of 16 groups of three, the game's governing body FIFA announced on Tuesday. It means that there will be 104 matches, a big increase from the 64 games played in Qatar.

Harmanpreet's Mumbai Indians seals a playoffs berth in style

The skipper's 30-ball 51 and opener Yastika's 37-ball 44 pilot the side to 162 despite the best efforts of Giants' Sneh and Gardner; Sciver-Brunt and Matthews scuttle the Gujarat chase with three wicket bursts

Going ballistic: Harmanpreet hammered seven fours and two sixes in what proved a match-swinging knock. EMMANUAL YOGINI

SCOREBOARD

MUMBAI INDIANS
Yastika Bhatia run out 44 *(37b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Hayley Matthews c Dunkley b Gardner 0 *(3b)*, Nat Sciver-Brunt lbw b Garth 36 *(31b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Harmanpreet Kaur c Harleen b Gardner 51 *(30b, 7x4, 2x6)*, Amelia Kerr c Garth b Tanuja 19 *(13b, 2x4)*, Issy Wong c & b Sneh 0 *(1b)*, Humaira Kazi run out 2 *(2b)*, Dhara Gujjar (not out) 1 *(1b)*, Amanjot Kaur c Dunkley b Gardner 0 *(1b)*, Jintimani Kalita (not out) 2 *(1b)*; Extras (b-5, lb-1, w-1): 7; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 162.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-1 (Matthews, 0.4 overs), 2-75 (Sciver-Brunt, 10.6), 3-84 (Yastika, 12.1), 4-135 (Amelia Kerr, 16.6), 5-136 (Wong, 17.2), 6-145 (Humaira, 18.4), 7-160 (Harmanpreet, 19.4), 8-160 (Amanjot, 19.5).

GUJARAT GIANTS BOWLING
Gardner 4-0-34-3, Garth 4-0-31-1, Sneh 4-0-17-1, Tanuja 4-0-32-1, Sutherland 4-0-42-0.

GUJARAT GIANTS
Sophia Dunkley lbw b Sciver-Brunt 0 *(1b)*, S. Meghana c Amelia b Matthews 16 *(17b, 3x4)*, Harleen Deol lbw b Wong 22 *(23b, 3x4)*, Annabel Sutherland lbw b Matthews 0 *(4b)*, Ashleigh Gardner c Jintimani b Amelia 8 *(10b, 1x4)*, Sneh Rana lbw b Sciver-Brunt 20 *(19b, 3x4)*, D. Hemalatha c Wong b Amelia 6 *(6b, 1x4)*, Sushma Verma (not out) 18 *(19b, 1x4)*, Kim Garth c Harmanpreet b Sciver-Brunt 8 *(8b, 1x4)*, Tanuja Kanwar c Yastika b Matthews 0 *(4b)*, Mansi Joshi (not out) 7 *(9b, 1x4)*; Extras (w-2): 2: Total (for nine wkts. in 20 overs): 107.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-0 (Dunkley, 0.1), 2-34 (Meghana, 5.2), 3-34 (Sutherland, 5.6), 4-48 (Harleen, 8.6), 5-48 (Gardner, 9.1), 6-57 (Hemalatha, 11.3), 7-85 (Sneh, 14.5), 8-95 (Garth, 16.3), 9-96 (Tanuja, 17.3).

MUMBAI INDIANS BOWLING
Sciver-Brunt 4-0-21-3, Saika 4-0-20-0, Wong 3-0-19-1, Matthews 4-0-23-3, Amelia 4-0-18-2, Amanjot 1-0-6-0.

Toss: Gujarat Giants.
PoM: Harmanpreet.
Wednesday's match: *UP Warriorz vs RCB, 7.30 p.m.*

WPL

P.K. Ajith Kumar
MUMBAI

Sometimes, some teams find ways to beat even the law of averages.

Mumbai Indians is doing that in the inaugural edition of the Women's Premier League, in front of its adoring fans, who never stopped cheering them on at the top of their voices at the Brabourne Stadium on Tuesday night.

The Harmanpreet Kaur-led team stormed to its fifth win in a row, clinching a playoffs berth with three matches still remaining.

Mumbai Indians thrashed Gujarat Giants by 55 runs, after posting 162 for eight. Its innings was stifled a bit by what was possibly the finest show of fielding thus far at the WPL, as the Giants women flung themselves to stop the ball and plucked catches out of thin air.

Harmanpreet yet again led from the front. She played some delectable shots in her 30-ball 51 (7x4, 2x6). And Yastika Bhatia (44, 37b, 5x4, 1x6) earlier provided impetus at the start of the innings.

She once again showcased her wide array of shots, before she ran herself out, not entirely unexpectedly. Before that, she had stitched together a stand of 74 for the second wicket with Nat Sciver-Brunt (36, 31b, 5x4, 1x6).

For Giants, Harleen Deol stood out even on a night when many of her teammates fielded superbly. She sprinted across and took a two-handed diving catch at wide long-on.

An over before, she had run Humaira Kazi out with a direct hit from the deep. Earlier, Kim Garth had taken a blinder, running back from near the circle on the off to send back Amelia Kerr (19, 13b, 2x4) off left-arm spinner Tanuja Kanwar.

The Giants' chase got off to a disastrous start, with Sophia Dunkley falling lbw to Sciver-Brunt, off the first ball of the innings. And the chase never got going. No Giants batter reached 25.

Purple Cap wearer Saika Ishaque went wicketless for the first time for MI, but that hardly mattered.

Shreyas to miss ODI series

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Shreyas Iyer has been ruled out of India's men's three-match ODI series against Australia, starting here on March 17. The national selection panel has decided against getting a replacement player for the series.

Shreyas' back injury recurred last week during the fourth Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. As a result, he played no part on the last two days of the match. *The Hindu* understands that Shreyas has already reported at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru.

The medical team there, in consultation with a specialist, is set to submit a detailed report on Shreyas' fitness status to the BCCI on Wednesday.

The extent of his injury and rehab programme will then determine whether the Kolkata Knight Riders will miss its captain for the initial stage of the Indian Premier League, set to begin on March 31.

Border-Gavaskar Trophy 2023

BATTING	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg.	100s/50s
Khawaja	7	333	180	47.57	1/2
Kohli	6	297	186	49.50	1/0
Axar	5	264	84	88.00	0/3
Labuschagne	8	244	63*	40.66	0/1

BOWLING	Inns	Wkts	BBI	SR	5WI/10WM
Ashwin	8	25	6/91	39.9	2/0
Jadeja	8	22	7/42	43.9	2/1
Lyon	6	22	8/64	51.7	2/1
Murphy	6	14	7/124	58.9	1/0

Smith to lead in ODIs, Warner returns

Smith. FILE PHOTO

Agence France-Presse
NEW DELHI

Steve Smith will lead Australia in the ODI series against India as David Warner returns to the side after recovering from an elbow injury, selectors said on Tuesday.

The three-match series, beginning on Friday, will give the Australians useful practice on local wickets ahead of the ODI World Cup in India later this year.

Glenn Maxwell, Mitchell Marsh, Sean Abbott, Marcus Stoinis, Adam Zampa, Josh Inglis, Ashton Agar and Nathan Ellis – coming in for Jhye Richardson – arrived in India last Friday and trained in Ahmedabad.

The squad: Steve Smith (Capt.), Sean Abbott, Ashton Agar, Alex Carey, Nathan Ellis, Cameron Green, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Marnus Labuschagne, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, David Warner and Adam Zampa.

India-Australia ODI schedule:
March 17: Mumbai.
March 19: Visakhapatnam.
March 22: Chennai.
All matches start at 1.30 p.m.

Lakshya ousts Chou while Prannoy gets past Wang

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
BIRMINGHAM

Lakshya Sen and H.S. Prannoy produced superlative performances to progress to the second round of the All England Championships with hard-fought, straight-game wins in the men's singles competition here on Tuesday.

Intense

In a high intensity match, Lakshya moved with speed and mounted a pinpoint attack on the lines to outwit fifth seeded Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei 21-18, 21-19 in 48 minutes.

The 21-year-old, who had reached the final in the last edition, thus claimed his first win over the World No. 5 after losing twice in three meetings.

Earlier, World No. 9 Prannoy survived some anxious moments before prevailing 21-19, 22-20 against Wang Tzu Wei in his 49-minute opening round clash to take his overall tally to 5-3 over the Taiwanese.

Lakshya, who has slipped to World No. 19, will square off against either Anders Antonsen or Rasmus Gemke in the second round, while Prannoy will meet third-seeded Indonesian Anthony Sinisuka Ginting next.

Getting through: Prannoy warded off Wang's challenge in his opener. AP

The results (first round): Men: H.S. Prannoy bt Wang Tzu Wei (Tpe) 21-19, 22-20; Lakshya Sen bt Chou Tien Chen (Tpe) 21-18, 21-19.

Whetton and Welch sound the boards as Australia exacts revenge on Germany

FIH PRO LEAGUE

Uthra Ganesan
ROURKELA

Australia avenged its World Cup semifinal defeat as Germany could not find a way past Johan Durst and a packed defence to pull off yet another last-minute miracle, losing 1-2 in its final FIH Pro League match here on Tuesday.

It was Australia's only second win in the competition and the first here, riding on two first quarter goals in a space of three minutes and then some desperate defending in the second half. For Germany, it was its first defeat to Australia since the Tokyo Olympics, not helped by playing a second intense game in as many days.

Unlike its recent cautious outings, Australia started with an attacking game and reaped rewards almost immediately,earning a penalty corner in the very first minute but had to wait for another 10 before getting its first goal, Jake Whetton dragging in a pass from James Collins just outside the circle and shooting past Danneberg. A PC three minutes later made it 2-0 as the Australians appeared to have finally decided to go back what has always been its strength - a direct, attacking game with little complexity.

Germany, on the other hand, maintained with their own structure - patiently building moves from the flanks and converging in the middle to try and score, holding possession and in the midfield and spreading far to maximise space usage.

The scoreline barely reflected in their game plan as the Germans continued with diagonal field-cutting shots and short passes to create channels of upward movement and finally managed to get a PC, and a Gonzalo Peillat goal, in the 22nd minute.

The second half was similar but despite the pace and intense movement from both teams, the game was more a tactical experience than one of open, free-flowing hockey.

There was a lot more circumspection and aerial balls to bypass the defenders but the goalkeepers stood firm.

Both teams had a couple of penalty corners each and occasional forays into the opposition circle but their defences stood firm and, after the initial setbacks, Danneberg and Durst ensured there would be no further goals scored. Germany continue to be fourth on the Pro League table while Australia, with two wins in seven games, is sixth.

Catch me if you can! Australia scored twice in the first 14 minutes, leaving Germany chasing the game. TWITTER@THEHOCKEYINDIA

The result: Australia 2 (Whetton 11, Welch 14) bt Germany 1 (Peillat 22).

INBRIEF

High jump legend Dick Fosbury passes away

Athletics legend Dick Fosbury, who revolutionised high jumping with his signature 'Fosbury flop' has died, his agent confirmed on Monday. He was 76. Fosbury's agent Ray Schulte said in a statement that the 1968 Olympics gold medallist had died peacefully in his sleep early on Sunday from lymphoma. Born in Portland, Oregon, in 1947, Fosbury was to become one of the most influential athletes in the history of track and field for developing the innovative high-jumping technique which upended his sport in the 1960s. Prior to Fosbury's emergence, high jumpers typically attempted to clear the bar using the "straddle technique" in which they would take off face forward while attempting to twist their body mid-leap over the bar. Fosbury, however, turned the conventional wisdom on its head with his new approach which would become immortalised as the 'Fosbury Flop' and remains today the standard technique used by elite high jumpers. At the Mexico City Olympics, Fosbury won clearing 2.24m, a new Olympic and US record to pip team-mate Ed Caruthers and Soviet Union's Valentin Gavrilov taking bronze.

Morata strike helps Atletico keep its winning run going

A 94th minute goal by Alvaro Morata stretched Atletico Madrid's unbeaten LaLiga run to nine matches as it beat Girona 1-0 on Monday to strengthen the grip on third place in the standings.

Other results: Serie A: AC Milan 1 (Giroud 45+1) drew with Salernitana 1 (Dia 61).

Draper sees off Murray, runs into Alcaraz in pre-quarters

Carlos Alcaraz fended off Tallon Griekspoor 7-6(4), 6-3 on Monday to reach the fourth round at Indian Wells. Alcaraz will face Britain's Jack Draper, *in pic*, who beat Andy Murray 7-6(6), 6-2, for a place in the quarterfinals.

Other important results (third round): Men: Tommy Paul bt Hubert Hurkacz 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; Jannik Sinner bt Adrian Mannarino 7-6(7), 6-4; Stan Wawrinka bt Holger Rune 6-2, 6-7(5), 7-5. **Women:** Iga Swiatek bt Bianca Andreescu 6-3, 7-6(1); Emma Raducanu bt Beatriz Haddad Maia 6-1, 2-6, 6-4; Elena Rybakina bt Paula Badosa 6-3, 7-5.

LIVE TELECAST

FIH Pro League: India vs Australia, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

WPL: Sports 18-1(SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.

BWF: All-England Open, Sports 18-1(SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 11.15 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1 a.m. (Thursday)

Champions League: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.30 a.m. (Thursday)

Kremlev assures more prize money for future Worlds

He asserts that the Olympic qualifiers would have to be conducted only in collaboration with IBA and no other organisation had any authority to host them

BOXING

Kamesh Srinivasan
NEW DELHI

The president of the International Boxing Association (IBA), Umar Kremlev declared that India was the capital of women's boxing, when he addressed the media here on Tuesday.

With the International Olympic Committee (IOC) keeping the IBA under suspension, the focus was on Olympic qualifiers, but the president of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI), Ajay Singh reiterated that it was time to celebrate women's boxing and the World Championship in the country.

Kremlev asserted that the Olympic qualifiers would have to be conducted only in collaboration with IBA and no other organisation had any authority to host them.

"The IOC representative would be here and review our work", he said.

Stressing that the lucrative prize money of $2.4 million for the Women's World Championship to be staged in 12 weight categories at the KD Jadhav Hall in the Indira Gandhi Stadium from Thursday, was to help the boxers make a career from the sport, the IBA president assured that the prize money would be increased in the future editions of the championship.

The entire prize money has been arranged by the IBA and the president stated that financial support was also given to various national federations to help them field their teams in World Championship.

It was felt that the initiative had helped the total number of boxers to reach more than 330, as compared to about 250 for such events in the past.

Sara Haghighat Joo, the 18-year-old boxer from Sierra Leone, who shared the stage with World and Olympic champion Estelle Mossely, apart from the small-size singler Abdu Rozik, said that she could come for the championship with her coach thanks to the support of the world body.

"I am super excited to be in India for the second time, and see Mary Kom", said Sara. I wanted all to attend the world championship", said Kremlev, through an interpreter.

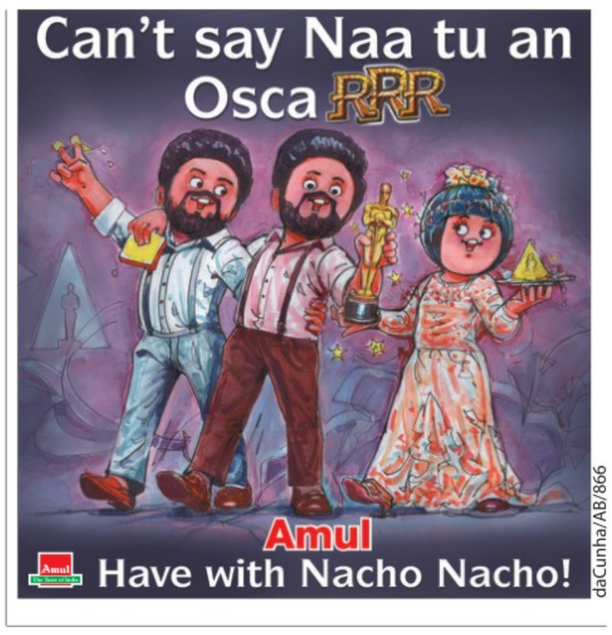
Estelle Mossely who has had a taste of professional boxing after winning the World and Olympic gold in 2016, said that she was having Paris Olympics as her target.

Most important

"For me, the World Championship is the most important one to prepare", said Estelle, as she thanked the IBA for the fabulous financial reward for the medallists.

The championship will be telecast live by Doordarshan, while Sony Sports will also be showing the championship from the quarterfinals stage.

Kicking off: Umar Kremlev and Ajay Singh strike a pose with boxers Sara Haghighat-Joo, Estelle Mossely and young Tajikistan singer Abdu Rozik, second from right. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR



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Manika loses in women's doubles and mixed doubles

Press Trust of India
SINGAPORE

The Indian campaign ended at the Singapore Smash table tennis tournament after Manika Batra lost both her women's doubles and mixed doubles matches on Tuesday.

Manika and G. Sathiyan lost to Japan's Hina Hayata and Tomokazu Harimoto 9-11, 9-11, 11-8, 11-5, 7-11 in mixed doubles.

In women's doubles, Manika and Archana Kamath went down to Meng Chen and Yidi Wang of China 2-11, 6-11, 15-13, 12-10, 6-11.

Tabebuia Open Wheelchair Tennis from today

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

The sixth edition of the Tabebuia Open Wheelchair Tennis tournament, an event on the Indian Wheelchair Tennis Tour (IWTT), will commence at the Padukone Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence here on Wednesday.

The four-day event is sanctioned by the All India Tennis Association (AITA) and held under the aegis of the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA).

41 entries

The event carries a total prize purse of ₹3.5 lakh, and is presented by the CSR arm of L&T Technology Services. A total of 41 entries, including eight women, from six States will compete in the tournament.

The star attraction will be 15-year-old Gujjala Raju, among India's youngest wheelchair tennis players, it was announced at a press conference here on Tuesday.

Sunil Jain, IWWT Chairman, former Davis Cup player Prahlad Srinath and Peter Burwash International Tennis Academy Head Coach Cesar Morales attended the press conference.

Padma Shri awardee Somdev Kishore Devvarman joined via video conference.

Bopanna and Ebden in quarterfinals

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The pair of Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden got a walkover from Grigor Dimitrov and Hubert Hurkacz in the doubles pre-quarterfinals of the $10,143,750 ATP tennis tournament in Indian Wells, USA.

The Indo-Aussie duo will play the Canadians, Felix Auger-Aliassime and Denis Shapovalov, in the last eight.

Other results: $15,000 ITF men, Kish Island, Iran: Singles (first round): Denis Klok bt Ishaque Eqbal 6-0, 6-1.
Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): S.D. Prajwal Dev & Sai Karteek Reddy bt Yash Chaurasia & Jagmeet Singh 6-4, 6-3; Parth Aggarwal & Shahbaaz Khan bt Dragos Cazacu (Rou) & Tuncay Duran (Tur) 6-4, 6-1.

Delighted to partner with SportsCast, says Rohit Ramesh

New venture: SkaSports Investment directors Sudhir Menon, left, and Rohit Ramesh with Aditya Mohanty, centre. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

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CHENNAI

Demand for live coverage of sporting events, from the grassroots leagues to marquee international events, is seeing a gold rush in recent years with the advent of streaming sites and OTT apps.

Taking advantage of digital technology, SportsCast India has found a niche for itself by focusing on promoting regional-level sporting events.

Launched in 2021 by co-founders Aditya Mohanty and Yash Buchke, SportsCast India has grown to 10 million unique users and has over 110,000 YouTube subscribers.

Wide coverage

The firm has provided coverage for various sports from cricket, football, and hockey to ITF tennis events, with English and regional-language commentary.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mohanty said, "In the US and UK, you have extensive coverage of even school and college-level sporting events, which helps produce high-quality athletes. We want to give exposure to athletes and also help the State associations gain monetary value by broadcasting regional events."

As a next step, SportsCast India plans to invest in the SportsCast app and its proprietary talent-scouting portal. "We have a separate team working on extracting players' statistics and will have detailed profiles of athletes. The plan is to help them back their claims with videos and help the talent-scouts get a holistic view of the players," Mohanty explained.

On Tuesday, SkaSports Investments Private Limited announced an acquisition of a minority stake in SportsCast India.

Commenting on the investment, Rohit Ramesh, Director of SkaSports, said, "We are delighted to partner with SportsCast in its journey ahead and truly see great potential in the organisation to expand further and find a strong footing in the growing Indian sports ecosystem."

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Jayanth's ton sets up BGS PS' win over National PS

Jayanth Abhiram's 113 helped BGS Public School defeat National PS in the BTR Shield Group I, III Division inter-school tournament here.

The scores:

BGS PS 236 in 37.2 overs (Jayanth Abhiram 113, Sameer 3/56, Vallabh Karthik 3/59) bt National PS 165 in 32.5 overs (Vedant 53).

Delhi PS (Electronic City) 133 in 26.1 overs (Anshuman 54, P. Aarav 4/40) lost to St. Joseph's School 136/2 in 19.3 overs (A.C. Aryan 50, Mihran Abdul 39).

Sri Kumaran PS 134 in 27.2 overs (Pranith Sai 60, Trayansh 3/36) lost to AC School 138/7 in 20.5 overs (Roger 48).

Thyagaraju Central School 90 in 33.3 overs (Arnav Sharma 3/17) lost to Presidency School 94 for no loss in 11.1 overs (T. Aryan 30 n.o., Chinmay 30 n.o.).

Blitz gets a narrow verdict over AGORC

Blitz FC edged out AGORC 2-1 in the BDFA A-division football league here on Tuesday.

The results: Blitz FC 2 (V. Uday 18, M.P. Ranjan 52) bt AGORC 1 (J. Praveen 75).

Parikrma FC 3 (S. Navaneeth 28, R. Tarun 68, Aaron Josua 76) bt RWF 0.

DYES FC 6 (Bharath Gowda 16, Ajay Kadam 44, 73, Dileep Gowda 48, S.A. Chandan 50, 61) bt Sree Gajanana FC 0.

Sambharam sizzles as Yankees CC gets past Lions CC to make the summit clash

Sambharam Hatti (106 n.o. and 62) powered Yankees CC past Lions CC in the semifinals of the KSCA Group I, V Division league here.

The scores (semifinals):

Yankees 272/7 in 55 overs (Abdullah 59, Sambharam Hatti 106 n.o., Syed Ganie 45, Venkat Purushotham 3/68) and 189 in 29.4 overs (Sambharam Hatti 62, Nithish Manju 27, Gautham Reddy 3/56) bt Lions 189 in 29.4 overs (Prashanth Anand 36, Gautham Reddy 59, Manoj Kumar 32, Yaseer Nihal 3/50, Nithish Manju 4/33) and 154 in 23.2 overs (H. Raghavendra 39, Gautham Reddy 29, Nithish Manju 3/42, Yaseer Nihal 5/47).

Sapphire 225 in 50.5 overs (Shameek Kolambkar 108 n.o., Dominic Fernandes 30, S. Mallikarjuna 26, Santosh Kumar Singh 5/79, P. Dinesha 3/53) and 240/9 in 30 overs (Vasanth Kuder 90, M. Ravikumar 34, Dominic Fernandes 42, Vishnu Bhat 29, Santosh Kumar Singh 7/83) bt Eminent Cricketers 232 in 46.1 overs (Kumar Singh 45, P. Dinesha 51, H.S. Shashidhar 77, Dominic Fernandes 3/74, Shameek Kolambkar 6/86) and 199 in 29 overs (K.Y. Arjun 62, H.S. Shashidhar 34, R. Gangadhar 30, Dominic Fernandes 4/57, Inayath Pasha 3/23).

Karnataka Open Trios tenpin bowling from today

The Karnataka State Tenpin Bowling Association (KSTBA) will conduct the Choice 4th Karnataka Open Trios tenpin bowling tournament at Amoeba here.

The tournament will commence on Wednesday.

A total of 102 bowlers from nine states will compete in the tournament.

Parvez Ahmed (Bowling Bohemians Bengaluru), Akaash Ashok Kumar (Bengaluru Titans) and Shabbir Dhankot (Chennai Falcons) are some of the top names in action.

A total prize money of ₹3.35 lakh is on offer.

The World Test Championship final – no room for experimentation

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

After the _ (fill in the appropriate word depending on your political and sporting proclivities: weird, bizarre, inspiring, stunning, embarrassing, hubristic, painful, moving, rousing, crazy...) start to the Ahmedabad Test, it was surprising that Virat Kohli won the player-of-the-match award. The real impact players were paraded around in what looked like an oversized shoe to chants that weren't 'Kohli, Kohli' as they usually are in an Indian stadium.

It is unlikely that the tacky tableau will be repeated when India take on Australia next, in the final of the World Test Championship at the Oval in London. But that will not be the only change. India will be deprived of the edge they had at home, and in the absence of Jasprit Bumrah, their pace attack will be considerably weakened. They will have to choose between playing two spinners or one as they usually do in away Tests.

India play no red ball cricket before the final which is just over a week after the IPL final. Players are professional enough to make the adjustments in today's cricket. India are planning to use Duke balls in the IPL – the same as will be used in England – and also to send players in batches as their teams drop out of the IPL. This makes sense.

India will also be without three important performers of the previous WTC final which they lost to New Zealand: Ajinkya Rahane, Rishabh Pant and Ishant Sharma. India went in then with three fast bowlers and two spinners, a combination they might be forced to play this time around too.

There is little room for experimentation in a one-off final, with a combination of talent, experience and form being the only criterion to go by. An inspired selection based on a hunch, perhaps of a fast bowler, is unlikely to be attempted even. The world championship final is the culmination of two years' cricket; it cannot be seen as the starting point.

The batting slots are more or less taken, with the only choice in the top half being between the experience of K.L. Rahul and the form of Shubman Gill (who opened in the last final). K.S. Bharat has done enough to be retained as wicketkeeper despite a middling home series.

Australia in England will be a different proposition from Australia in India, and will probably go into the final as slim favourites given their better bowling, especially the fast men, if everyone is fit.

Of India's two gains from the home series (Kohli's big century was not a revelation), the form and class of Gill is a possible hint that he will take over as India's leading batter from Kohli just as the latter took over from Sachin Tendulkar. This has been everyone's expectation for some time now, and it was good to see the inevitability of its realisation.

The second gain, that of Axar Patel as batsman has been an eye-opener. It will be interesting to see how India handle him so as to get the best out of him. It took Ravindra Jadeja a while to establish himself as a genuine all rounder in the top class, and if Axar, five years younger, is headed that way too it can only benefit Indian cricket. His role needs to be made clear to him, his performances outside India need to be studied before he is seen as a like-for-like replacement for Jadeja in the future.

India have done exceptionally well to win four successive Test series against Australia, two in each country.

The batting-friendly pitch in Ahmedabad put the earlier ones in perspective. Are slow turners which guarantee a result (even if in three days) better for the game or is it more desirable to have batting tracks that look like lasting ten days and guarantee a draw?

Taken to the extreme, one kills batsmanship, the other destroys bowlers. Which is why Rohit Sharma's century in the first Test and Ravichandran Ashwin's six for 90 in the final one were the best batting and bowling performances respectively of the series.

The one-day series begins on Friday in Mumbai. The caravans roll on. One bearing cricketers and the other carrying politicians following their brief coming together in Ahmedabad.